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**WHITEAWAY'S**

# 200,000 NAZIS MASS ON BULGARIAN BORDER READY FOR INVASION

Special to the "Telegraph"

BELGRADE, FEB. 26 (UP).—IT IS ESTIMATED BY WELL INFORMED QUARTERS THAT AT PRESENT THERE ARE 23 GERMAN DIVISIONS, TOTALLING 450,000 MEN IN RUMANIA. OF THESE, 14 DIVISIONS, COMPRISING 200,000 SOLDIERS ARE ALONG THE BULGARIAN-YUGO-SLAV FRONTIERS.

## DODECANESE IS OCCUPIED

New British Air Base

Special to the "Telegraph"

The Italian island of Castel Rosso (Castel Oritzo), which is the easternmost island of the Dodecanese group, has been captured and occupied by British naval and military forces.

## Burma Rd. Withstands The Bombs

Full Ferry Service

BY "REUTERS" SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

LASHIO, BURMA, Feb. 26.—Air attack can never seriously impede the steady flow of traffic along the Burma Road, is the conclusion I reached to-day after a ten-day trip along the road in a convoy of ten lorries.

The road has been damaged by Japanese bombs but the ferry service is now carrying 100 fully loaded trucks each way daily and when more ferries and connecting roads are completed, as many trucks as the road can carry will be transported across the river by these means.

The existing ferry consists of a few planks strapped on to empty petrol drums and it is pulled across the river by a stationary lorry. The ferry works during the night and is dismantled during the day so there is no danger from Japanese air attacks. Even if this simple ferry were damaged another could speedily be prepared.

### Frequent Dislocation

The Burma Road is subject to frequent dislocation by landslides and flood but Chinese organisation of permanent gangs of coolies along the road is so effective that traffic has not been interrupted for more than 24 hours at a time during the past twelve months and that includes the rainy season.

After seeing these natural hazards I find it hard to believe that aerial bombardment could offer an equal menace to the steady traffic flow. When the road was first re-opened about 40 trucks left Burma daily for China carrying 100 tons of cargo exclusive of petrol for the journey but by the middle of January 160 trucks went through daily, carrying 450 tons. Completion of petrol dumps shortly will enable more cargo to be carried.

This is revealed in an official announcement issued in London yesterday by the Admiralty and War Ministry.

The announcement added that the island has been equipped as a seaplane base. "Castel Rosso is situated off the south coast of Turkey, and its occupation by the British virtually seals the fate of the Dodecanese islands which have now been completely cut off from Italy."

Castel Rosso is about 80 miles by plane from Rhodes, the biggest island of the Dodecanese, and with Crete occupied by British land and air forces, the Dodecanese can now be easily attacked by air from both the east and west.

## Taranto Raid Damage Fully Confirmed

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuters).—The damage done to the Italian Fleet by the British Fleet Air Arm at Taranto as announced by the Admiralty has been fully confirmed by subsequent reports, Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, revealed when questioned on the subject in the House of Commons to-day.

Mr. Alexander disclosed that one battleship of the Cavour class had apparently been abandoned as a total loss. Another vessel of this class and a Vittorio class battleship were badly damaged and were still out of action. There was no further information regarding the two cruisers which were shown by aerial photograph to be listing to starboard and surrounded by oil fuel, or the two big auxiliary ships lying with their sterns under water.

### Australian Shipping

SYDNEY, Feb. 26 (Reuters).—Senator A. P. McBride, the Australian Minister of supply, announced to-day that the Federal Government will be immediately on the building of merchant ships.

A Budapest report says that constantly recurring, but as yet unconfirmed rumours regarding the alleged entry of a German army into Bulgaria, include a report that 13,000 Nazi troops entered Bulgaria last night.

### CROSSED THE DANUBE

NEW YORK, Feb. 26 (Reuters).—It is reported from Belgrade that 12,000 German motorised troops invaded Bulgaria on Tuesday afternoon.

A report from Sofia says that these troops crossed the Danube at a bridge near Chernavoda.

### Nazis Ready To March

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuters).—All information suggests that the German preparations for the occupation of Bulgaria are now far advanced.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, made this declaration in the House of Commons, to-day when asked whether the British Institute in Sofia had been closed by order of the Bulgarian authorities.

Mr. Butler explained that the British Minister in Sofia had been given discretion to arrange for the departure of the staff of the British Institute when he considered the circumstances desirable. Mr. Butler assumed that the British Minister had now exercised this discretion.

Mr. Butler gave no reply when asked whether the Bulgarian Government had been informed that unless they were prepared to defend their independence by force, they would be regarded as a hostile country and their communications would be bombed.

### Mysterious Fire In Bosphorus

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuters).—A mysterious big fire which threatened to engulf oil tanks in the Bosphorus is reported in an Istanbul telegram to the "Stefani" agency.

Five vessels loaded with petrol and paraffin caught fire and the blaze spread to other paraffin-laden boats. After prolonged efforts, firemen prevented the flames from reaching the oil tanks nearby.

An inquiry has been opened.

## Australia's Big War Industries

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuters).

The devastation in Britain was much less than the world was led to believe, said Mr. R. G. Menzies, the Australian Premier, speaking in London to-day.

The Germans would never win the war by knocking over houses, he added. They could not win till they had knocked over the spirit of the British people.

The Empire was merely at the beginning of the task facing it but Mr. Menzies expressed satisfaction at the Australian war effort. Over 400,000 people were producing munitions and there would be nearly 800,000 before the end of the year.

Machine Tools  
Seventy-five firms were making machine tools compared with five at the outbreak of war. Aircraft production was so successful that Australia proposed to export elementary training machines to other Dominions by the middle of the year. Australia was also producing other types.

The achievements in the next twelve months would be three times that of the past year. Australia's contribution to victory would be at its peak when most needed.

SINGAPORE, Feb. 26 (Reuters).—A total of \$5,000,000 (Straits) was to-day reached by the publicly-subscribed Straits Settlements War Fund for the purchase of bombers for the R.A.F.

## Currie Due Back Here To-Day

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Feb. 26 (UP).—Mr. Lauchlin Currie will leave for Hongkong by plane on Thursday and will join the Clipper there for the United States.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek gave a farewell dinner in Mr. Currie's honour on Wednesday evening and a farewell tea was given by Ambassador Johnson—both parties being attended by the highest diplomatic and Chinese officials, including Mr. H. H. Kung and Mr. Wang Chun-chui.

## NAZIS IN HAINAN

### Advisers for The Japanese Armies

SHANGHAI, Feb. 26 (Reuters).—A contingent of over 80 German and Italian advisers has arrived at Hainan Island off French Indo-China, according to unconfirmed Chinese press reports.

It is stated that they are being organised into five groups to assist the Japanese forces to map out plans for an advance to the south.

The same reports state that more than 100 Japanese warships, including destroyers, submarines and two aircraft carriers, are concentrating around Hainan Island, Tongking Bay and the adjoining islands.

Some 90,000 fresh Japanese troops, it is added, were detailed recently to Formosa and Hainan.

## NORWEGIAN SPY SYSTEM

### Broken By Nazis

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 26 (Reuters).—Over 200 persons have been arrested in connection with an espionage case in Norway, according to reports received here.

The authorities now believe that they have broken up an extensive spy system in West Norway, where passive resistance is very strong.

The Bergen Police Chief has issued a stern warning against contravention of orders regarding propaganda in favour of the King and the Royal Family.

Sabotage persists despite severe penalties.

A German Court Martial at Bergen yesterday sentenced ten Norwegians to death after a trial lasting three weeks.

# Italians Driven Back on Three Fronts in East Africa Offensive

CAIRO, Feb. 26 (Reuters).—Further progress by patriot forces in Abyssinia is reported in the latest communique from G.H.Q., Cairo, which tells of continued thrusts on three fronts.

"In Eritrea," says the communique, "our northern column advancing towards Keren has again made satisfactory progress. About Keren itself, local activity continues."

"In Abyssinia, patriot forces, supported by British troops, have successfully increased the area of their penetration in the Gojjam area, and further south, are causing evacuation of more Italian ports."

"Following the enemy withdrawal from Italian Somaliland, West African troops yesterday captured Brava, from which port our advance is again continuing."

"In the Gelib area, prisoners so far counted number 64 officers and 423 other ranks, together with 880 Colonial troops."

**Capture of Gelib**  
NAIROBI, Feb. 26 (Reuters).—The South African formation which captured Gelib after having crossed the river near the mouth, made an exceedingly rapid march for 60 miles up the river, clearing enemy opposition all the way, says an official communique.

Here East African formations, having crossed the bridgeheads seized by the Gold Coast Regiment, carried out a night march through desert country and cut the only road communication between Gelib and Brava, thus preventing the escape of the main body.

A Gold Coast brigade, which had borne the brunt of the early fighting across Juba, completed its operations and cut off all avenues of escape to the north.

**3,000 Prisoners**  
A conservative estimate of the number of prisoners is 3,000 while in addition, many of the enemy who escaped to the bush are now returning and surrendering.

An aeroplane reported that the enemy retreating along a beach 30 miles from Juba waved white flags in token of their desire to surrender. Large quantities of guns and ammunition were captured.

The South African Air Force co-operated in the capture of Gelib, machine-gunning enemy transport which were trying to escape.

Bombardment of enemy positions and dumps farther along the coast was successfully carried out by the Navy.

**Capture of Capital**  
LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuters).—"Although hundreds of miles of valueless and almost uninhabitable country lie between Mogadiscio and Bardait, the capture of the capital (Mogadiscio) is a major stroke in the coastal offensive" runs a cable received from Nairobi to-day.

It continues: "From Mogadiscio, two all-weather roads, considered to be equal to the best in Italian East Africa, run: one goes northwards towards the Djibuti railway and Harar, and the other westwards to the Lugh. The final collapse of the Juba front emphasises the lesson learned in France of the vulnerability of a static river defence in the face of mobile forces."

**Mobile Attack**  
"By a series of rapid feints, the defenders were bewildered and TURN to Back Page, Column 3"

## Mediation To Dictation

TOKYO, Feb. 26 (Reuters).—The French Government is still hesitating to make its attitude clear on the Japanese compromise proposal for settlement of the Thailand-Indo-China dispute, stated Japanese observers to-day.

It was added that the Japanese Government is not only keeping a close eye on any interference by Third Powers but is determined, pending a French reply, to take appropriate steps for the maintenance of peace and order in East Asia.

While official circles declined to say whether the compromise was a final or a tentative offer, observers stated that they believed that it was final. The proposal was submitted with the strict understanding that both Thailand and France would make their replies before Saturday.

## Precautions In Philippines

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (UP).—The War Department disclosed to-day that 66 officers, ranging from Lieutenants to Lieutenant-Colonels have been ordered to remain in the Philippines, although they will be assigned to new posts.

It was also disclosed that the Philippine Scouts, totalling about 6,000 native troops with American officers, are being doubled.

## LATEST

See Back Page For Further Late News

## Antonescu Betrays Poles: Britain Promises To Act

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuters).—Britain has entered a most vigorous protest against the sending of interned Polish soldiers in Rumania to Germany.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, revealed this in the House of Commons to-day when he characterised the action as a violation of International Law.

On January 31, he added, competent Rumanian authorities informed the British Legation in Bucharest that all interned Polish soldiers would be sent to Germany immediately.

A protest was lodged by the Chilean Charge d'Affaires and the British Minister in Bucharest vigorously supported the protest.

The only explanation given by the Rumanian Government was that they regarded the question as a purely

internal matter which they were not prepared to discuss. Sir Reginald Hoare immediately expressed the strongest disapproval to this attitude. Subsequently on instructions from London, he formally notified the Rumanian Government that if so base an act were permitted, the British Government would not forget that General Antonescu and the members of his Government bore personal responsibility.

When the British Minister left Bucharest, it was understood that the Rumanian Government had at least temporarily delayed action, but there is some reason to suppose that it may now have taken place.

The House of Commons cheered when Mr. William Llablan declared that there would be warm satisfaction in Britain at the vigour of the British protest.



Our photographer captured this scene in the General Post Office yesterday, when thousands of Chinese throughout the day crowded into the building to purchase the special Hongkong centenary stamps for first covers.—Ming Yuen.

## War Chiefs' Evidence To Congress Made Public

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (Reuters).—That invasion is less imminent than a year ago is the opinion of General George Marshall, United States Chief of the Army Staff.

This and other views of the war by the heads of the United States Army and Navy were given to Congress and made public by the House of Representatives' Appropriations Committee to-day.

General Marshall said that a year ago the United States would have been in a "somewhat helpless plight" if control of the Atlantic had passed to the enemy.

Admiral Harold Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, asked whether any time was definitely set by the President regarding when the Navy should be "ready for business," replied in the negative. He worked on the basis of

getting ready at the earliest possible moment.

The huge naval construction programme was proceeding, Admiral Stark said, at "very favourable speed." Battleship construction was running four to six months ahead of schedule.

Admiral Stark expressed the opinion that transfer of more destroyers to Britain on the scale suggested by Mr. Wendell Willkie was inadvisable at the moment, but the Government's hands should not be tied in this connection.

He said: "It is impossible to foresee what we may want to do tomorrow or the next day under the present world conditions. Certain emergency conditions might arise under which we might want to make certain transfers of material."

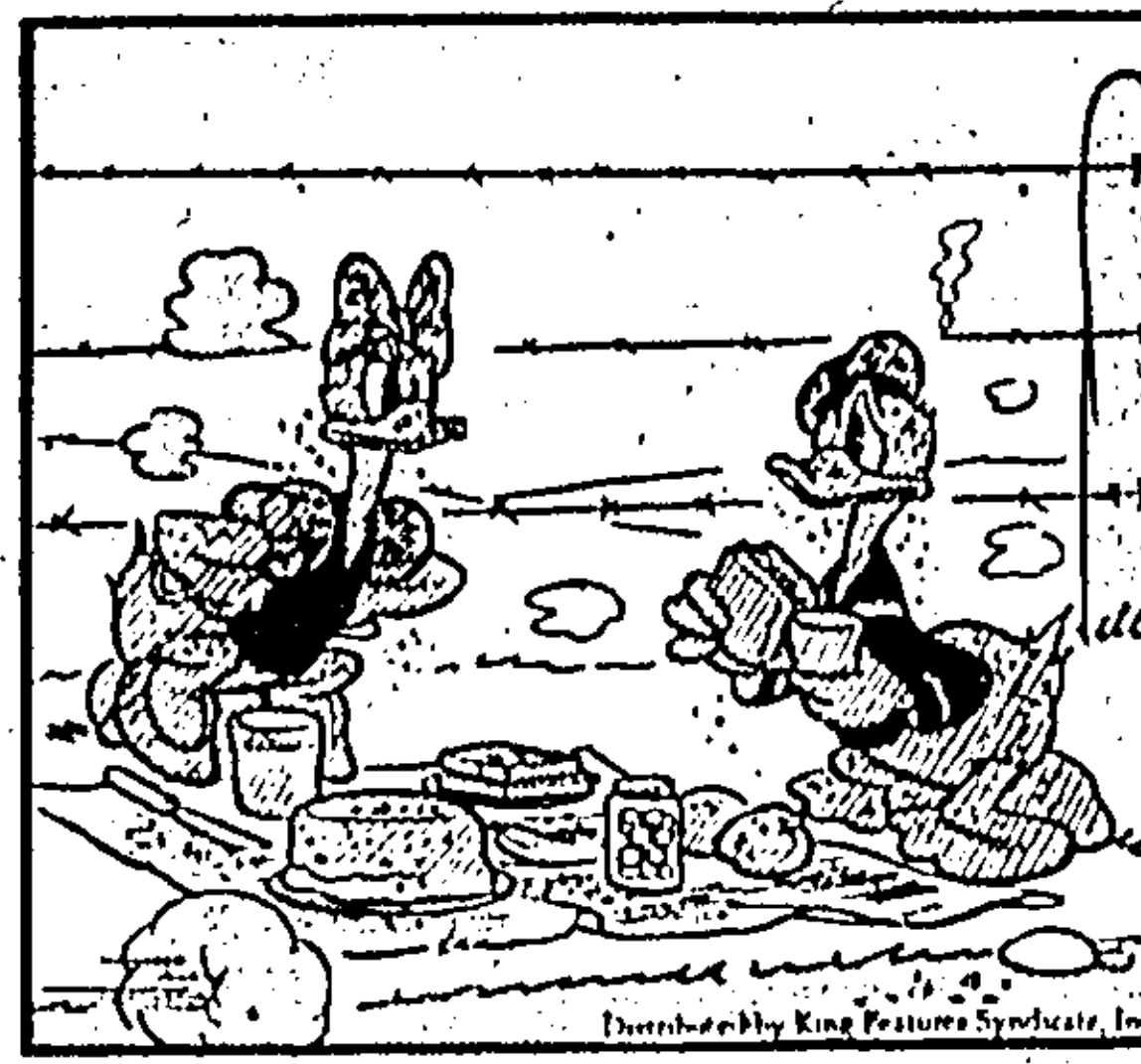
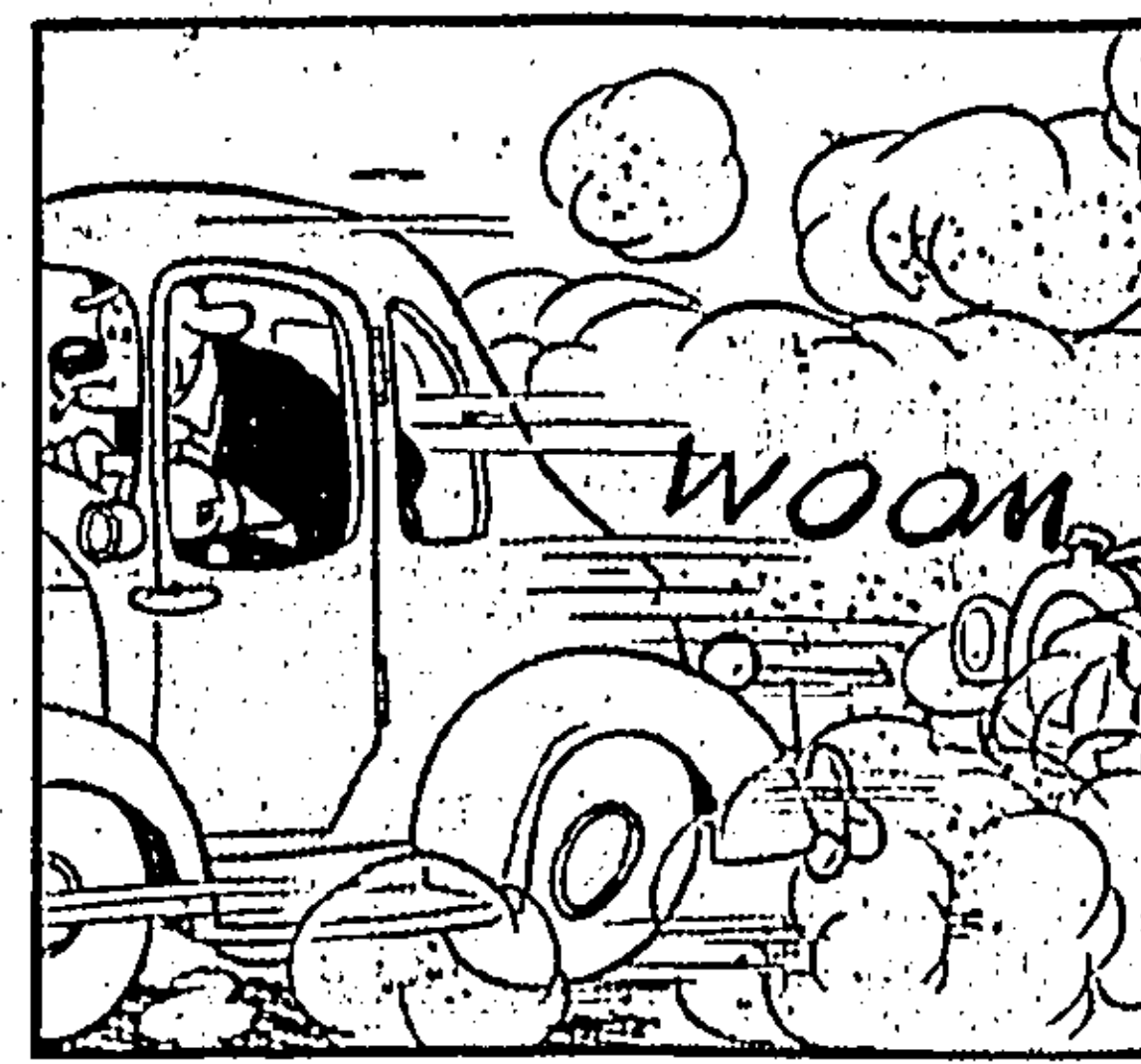
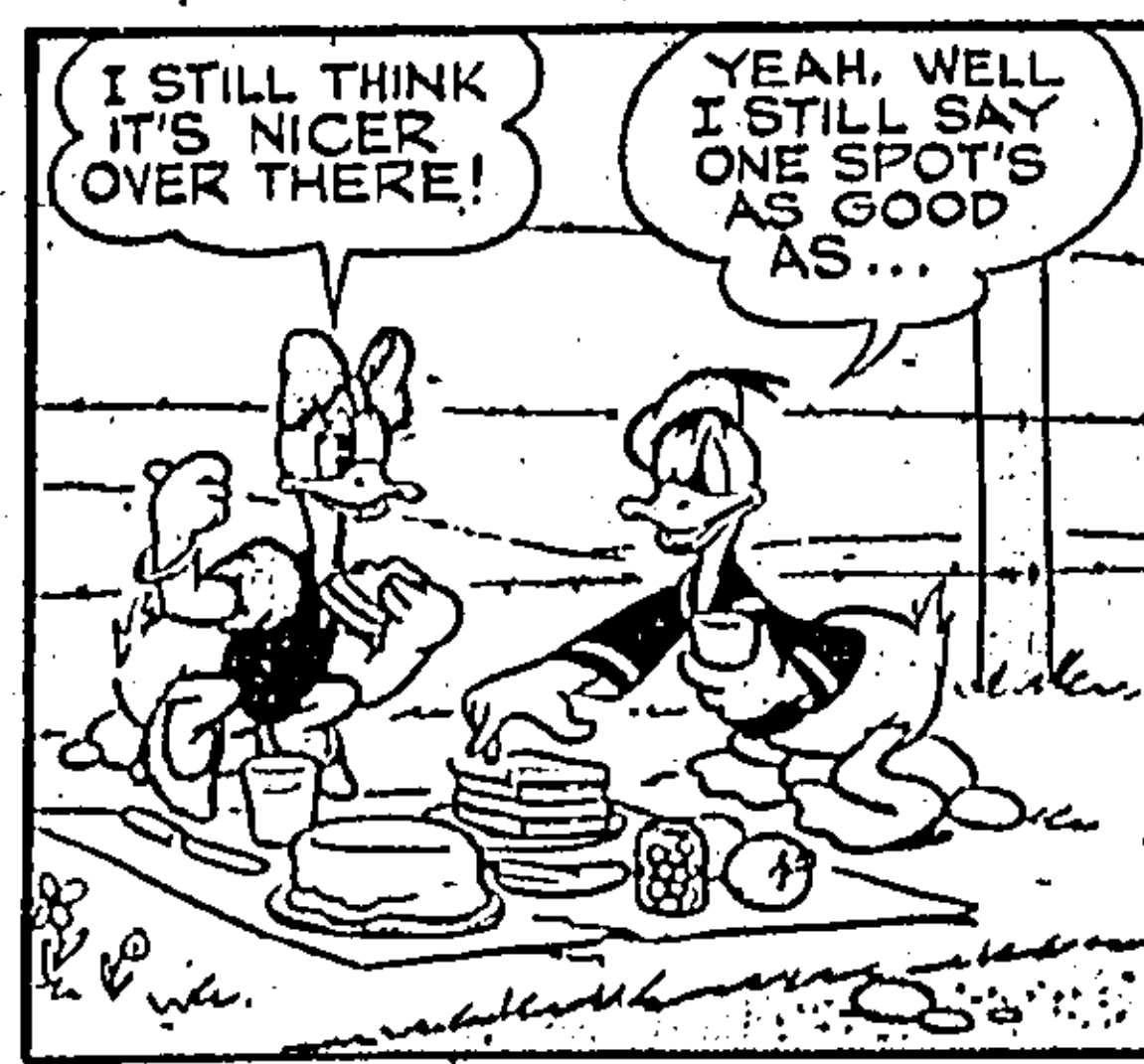






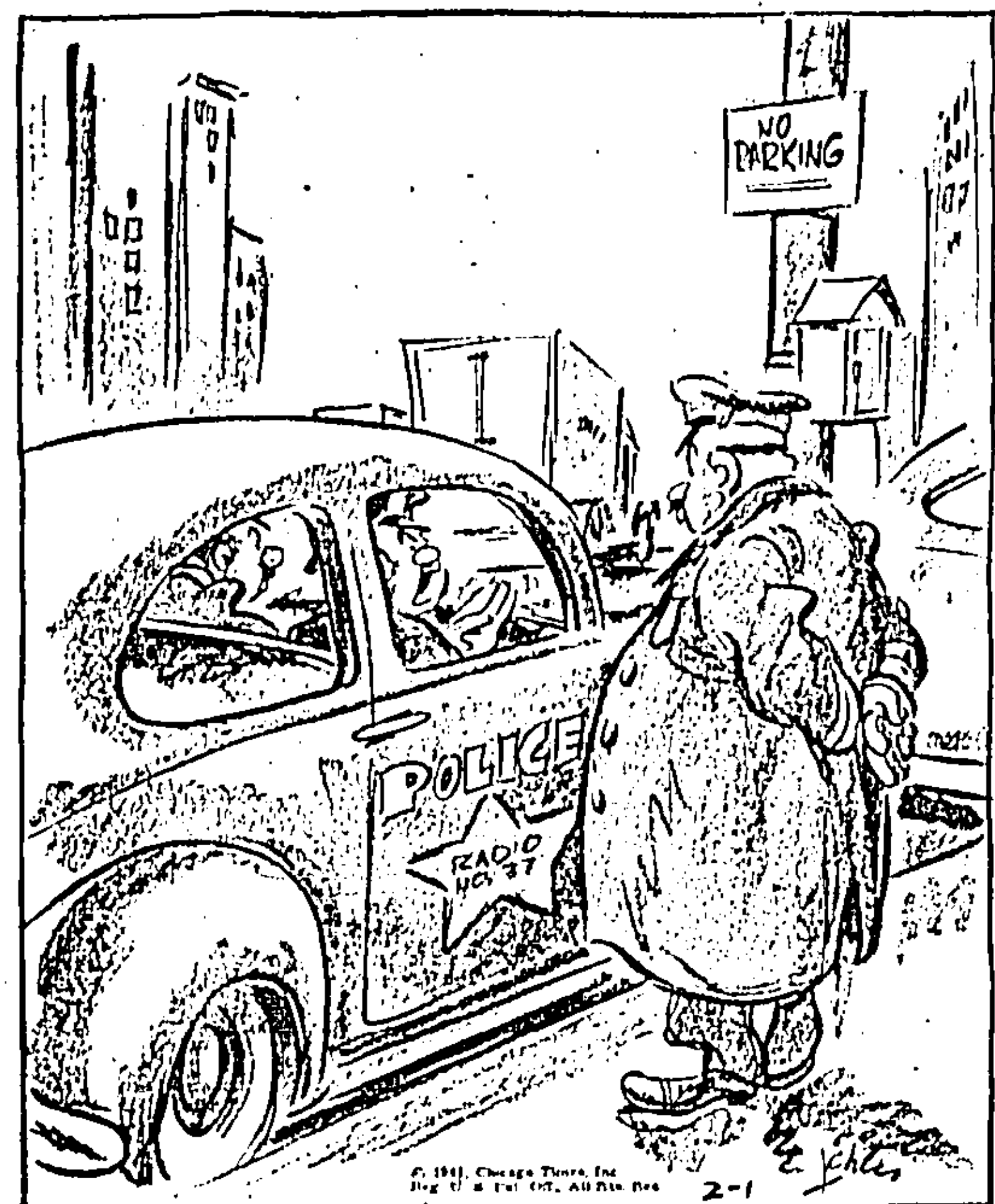
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## Story of a Night Raid

### Such People As These Live In England

The night was dark except when the moon came out from the clouds and shed a silvery sheen on the tin helmets of the men standing on the mass of rubble. Sometimes the smashed bricks, broken mortar and splinters were caught in a pool of light.

The men were bent almost double to their tasks. They were picking up the broken bits of what had once been a house, dropping them into baskets. They were working with their hands. You can't use picks and shovels when there are people trapped underneath. Occasionally they used tiny saws that looked as if they had come out of a toy shop. With them they would saw through a piece of joist or a beam. Every now and then a man would straighten up, pick up a basket and carry it away, bringing it back empty.

The raiders droned overhead, and now the searchlights had a misty quality as they swept the sky. The guns barked and rumbled. The shells, as they burst in the sky, made new stars to replace the ones the clouds hid. The "plonk" of the shrapnel on the roofs and pavements, sounded as if it were coming down lightly, and did not carry death in its ragged, pointed fingers.

Suddenly there was the screech of bombs flying through the air. The little crowd around the pile of rubble flung themselves on their faces—all but the men at the top. They did not raise their bent backs. The bombs screamed by. As thunderous explosion followed thunderous explosion, those on the rubble heap shook in a world where nothing was still, and their heads were filled with the roar of noise that filled the air.

The raiders passed. All round the mound, the deeper shadows become human beings again as they slowly pulled themselves to their feet. The men at the top were still carefully picking up their scraps of building and dropping them into baskets.

The ambulance girls leaned

against the side of their ambulance, hands out and bleeding with trying to help. They were obviously tired. The R.A.F. men helped to empty the baskets.

The raiders droned overhead. The bombs screamed down. Farther away now.

So hours passed. Few words were spoken. It was as though words had no place in this world of screaming bombs, whistling shrapnel and rumbling guns. The throbbing engines of the raiders added their sound to that universe of noise.

By  
**Marjorie Nelson**

The raiders passed.

A mobile canteen drove up. Two drawn and white-faced women handed tea to the working men.

The raiders droned overhead. The guns barked. Bombs again.

An Air Raid Warden loomed up out of the darkness. "How many?" he asked. "Three," came briefly from under a tin hat.

The raiders passed.

The minutes dragged on. The baskets made their interminable journeys back and forth. Suddenly one could see—it was a shaft they were digging. Now it seemed big enough for a man to go down. The men stopped work. One man climbed slowly down, carefully pulling his body this way and that to avoid lodging the surrounding debris and to avoid the ragged ends of joints and beams. Then he was at the bottom in the rubble.

He put his mouth against a crack. His voice came strangely up the shaft. "Are you there, mate?" We all stood at the top listening. We saw him put his ear to the crack. He climbed awkwardly to the top again. We waited. "I can hear them faintly," he said. Without a word they returned to work.

Pitiful little personal things appeared. A mug with "A Present from Brighton" written on it. A torn shred of a rayon undervest, a man's pipe, a woman's handbag with a worn puff and a smudgy box of rouge. The Warden put them meticulously in a corner. Over the river bombs fell. The raiders passed.

A man appeared amongst us. He was very small, in a shabby coat. His face was tired and grey, and a few thin wisps of hair spread over the bald top of his head. He held a grimy cap in his hands.

"I've just come home," he said, almost apologetically, "working the night shift."

It was though he had not spoken, for what was there to reply? He stood there silent, a pathetic droop to his tired shoulders, a blind misery in his eyes, his fingers twisting the cap around and around. The rubble before him was what had been his home.

"Mother will be in there," he said, "and the two lads." He turned his head sideways to look up the faces of the men digging. "Are they?" "Hope so, Chum."

So he stood, twisting and twisting the cap. He didn't say any more. We were all looking down to the bottom of the shaft now. There did not seem anything but rubble and a curious yellow wood. Slowly it turned into a woman's arm. As they cleared the network of bits of beds, boards and bricks, you see she was lying face down, and underneath were two smaller bodies. They were all three crushed and pressed into the raw material of the house.

Slowly they brought them up with ropes and laid them on the steel stretchers. "Must have flung herself over the boys to protect them," said the Warden.

The little man stood looking down at her. The black hair was matted with brick rubble and her face was smeared with a red brick powder.

"You didn't ought to have done it, Mother," he said, "you didn't ought to have done it." We all stood silent, not knowing what he meant. The tears rolled down the creases on his face onto the twisted cap. So we stood there, the begrimed figures of the rescue workers swaying with exhaustion. The "All Clear" sounded and we noticed the dawn was breaking.

People started to come on to the streets from the shelters. A woman came up and took the little man by the arm. "Come on, Jim, and have a cup of hot tea."

The stretchers were lifted into the ambulance. We all walked slowly down the road.

Such people as these live in England.

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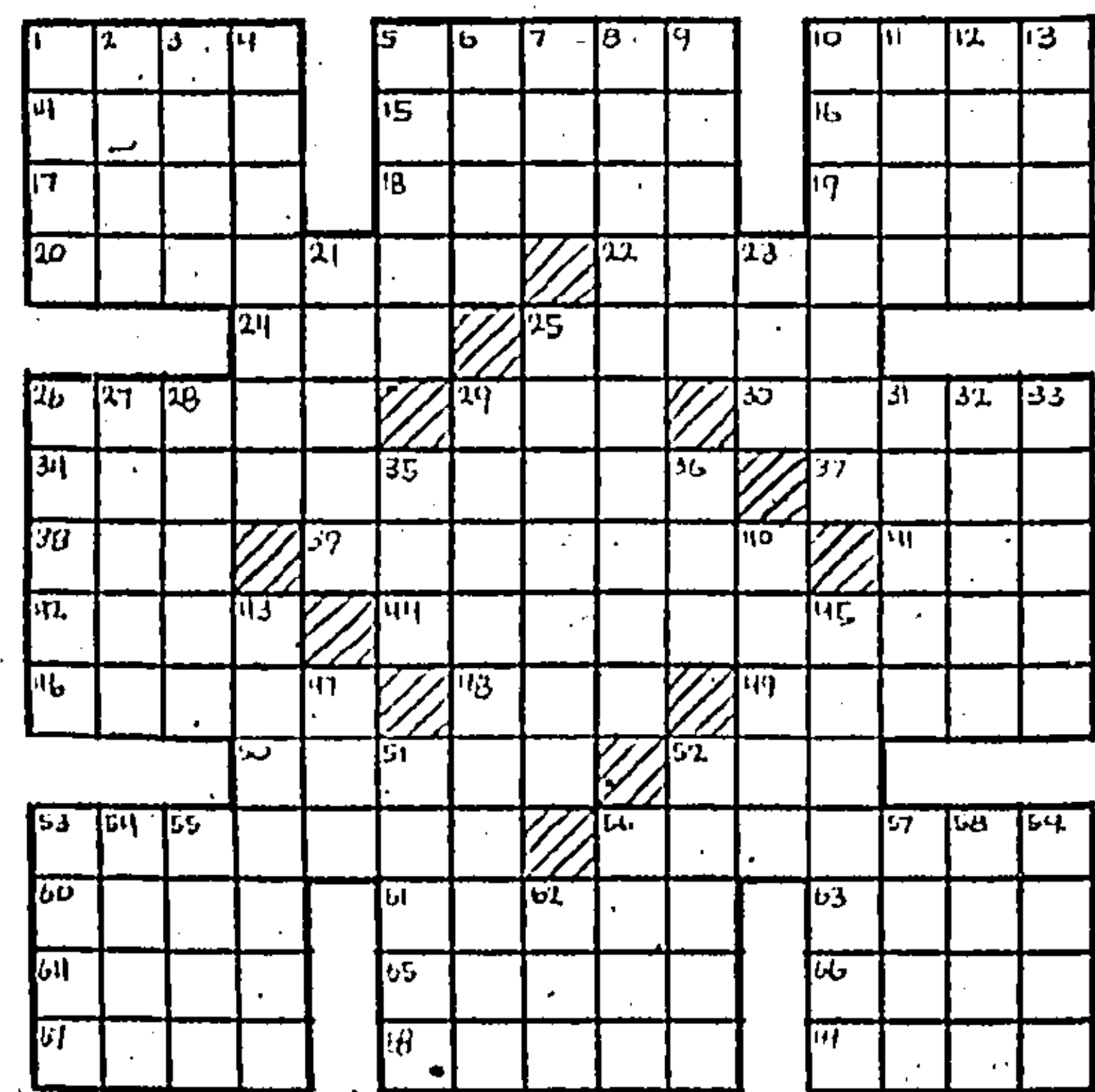
ACROSS

- Young cattle
- Flash
- My word of mouth
- One who lavishes extreme fondness
- Outer garment
- Exchange premium
- Arrange, as bangles
- Lieutenant
- Unhappy
- Directed away from
- High hill
- Confession of faith
- Chronic discharge from nasal cavity
- Japanese shrub
- Late Roman general
- Living before mind
- Face of pedestal
- At all (Scottish)
- Make slight allusion to

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DOWN

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- Ship of Argonauts
- Non-professional
- Fraudulent voter
- Viper
- Twine
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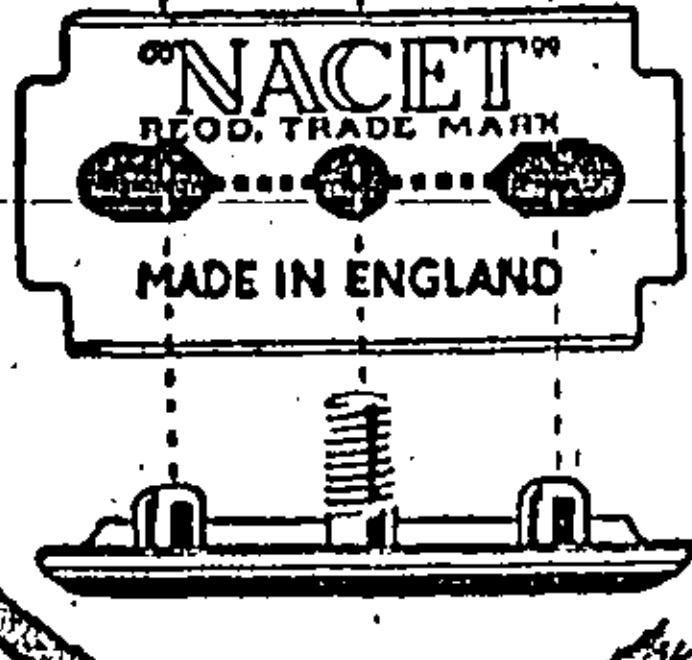
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Far East Finance And  
Economics In Review

HON. Mr J. J. Paterson delivered a statesmanlike review of the financial and economic situation in the Far East at the annual meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation yesterday. It placed problems and exaggerated hopes and fears in their proper perspective. There was no attempt to offer a dogmatic forecast for the future, but Mr Paterson did find room for an exhortation which, if heeded, will make more for the future desirable, than any wishful thinking.

Re-emphasis was given to the important factor that the stability and prosperity of the Orient was dependent as much on political as economic issues, and that China's role was a dominating influence; hence it is just as important for Chungking to put her house in order as it is to have a clarification of the commercial and financial situation in the occupied areas. Mr Paterson's references to Japan and the influence she is wielding in the many commercially important parts of China were oblique, but telling; it was easy to trace the cause for his concern over the servicing of foreign loans by the Nanking regime, the obscure export position in Shanghai due to monopolies, controls and other extraneous influences, and the creation of the new Central Reserve Bank with its threat to the free market of Shanghai.

The prosperity of Hongkong is integrally bound up with the conditions pertaining to its near neighbour, and while it is true that from a trade point of view the Colony has benefitted to some extent from the misfortunes of China, the continuance or spreading of the strife must inevitably bring its repercussions. This was clearly recognised in Mr Paterson's review which sounded, by inference rather than by direct phrase, a warning for care and economy in the future. The European

Defence of the  
Netherlands East Indies

By William Henry Chamberlin

The Netherlands East Indies has been energetically pressing forward a programme of emergency preparedness, military and economic, since the conquest of the Low Countries by Germany, and since Japan's avowed alliance with the Axis powers has visibly increased the danger of foreign aggression against this vast archipelago, with its 67,000,000 inhabitants and its rich stores of oil, rubber, tin, sugar and many other valuable foodstuffs and raw materials.

## Extended Powers

The Governor-General, Dr Tjarda van Starkenborgh Stachouwer, has been given extended powers. The colony has been declared in a state of martial law. Allegiance to the exiled Netherlands Government in London was reaffirmed. German nationals in the islands were interned—a measure which has been maintained despite reprisals against prominent Netherlands citizens in the Netherlands—and German ships in East Indian harbour were seized.

Aeroplanes are not easy to obtain in this age of worldwide arming for national preparedness; but the Netherlands are credibly reported to have brought the strength of their air force in the East Indies up to 500 planes. A number of these flying boats, which are expected to co-operate with submarines and torpedo-boats in opposing any attempt at a hostile landing.

## Air Raid Shelters

Java, one of the most thickly settled regions in the world, has been provided with a considerable number of air raid shelters, despite the difficulties offered by land that is only a little above sea level.

There are three military organisations in the Netherlands

and its effects are just beginning to catch up with Hongkong, which means there may be lean days ahead. The Colony's financial and commercial resilience is such, however, that given fair opportunity, it will weather the storm; it has done so before; it will do so again. Thus, as the Bank speech pointed out, both pessimists and optimists will have their day, and both will be right.

lands Indies. First is the On the other hand, the is- the natural wealth of the colonial army, which, before lands are approximately Netherlands East Indies, af- the beginning of the Euro- 3,000 miles from Japan pro- ter the German occupation pean war, numbered be- per and Japan would be of the Netherlands and the tween 35,000 and 40,000, obliged to maintain long fall of France, was peaceful mostly native troops under lines of sea communication rather than warlike. A de- Netherlands control of the in order to support and sup- legation, headed by Ichizo Kobayashi, Minister of Com- merce, went to Batavia and services. This army has It is questionable whether Japanese naval leaders negotiated for larger pur- chases of oil, tin, rubber and probably been increased, al- though figures are kept would be willing to assume this risk in the face of the threat of possible action Mr Kobayashi went away with only part of what he asked for: an agreement to sell 1,800,000 tons of oil products, not to include high-octane aviation gasoline or men, and the landsturm, en- not been indifferent to the aviation crude oil. The pre- rolling between 17,000 and 18,000 men of the older submarine flotilla of the dominantly British-owned American Asiatic Squadron, and the American Standard- which is based on Manila. Vacuum interests control 88 per cent. of the oil output of the islands, and these com- panies are not anxious to sell oil to Japan.

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The navy is, of course, the first line of defence for this island colonial empire. It includes three cruisers, nine destroyers, fourteen large submarines and a number of minelayers, minesweepers and auxiliary coast defensive vessels.

## Danger From Attack

Expert opinion is divided on the question whether the Netherlands East Indies could ward off a Japanese like the present position of attack. The total coastline being dependent for much of its mileage of the archipelago is their oil on the United States. Whether the Dutch forces are scarcely sufficient could fulfill their project of will lead to an open show- to prevent the Japanese totally destroying the wells down will become clear with- from landing somewhere. would depend largely on the in the next few weeks.

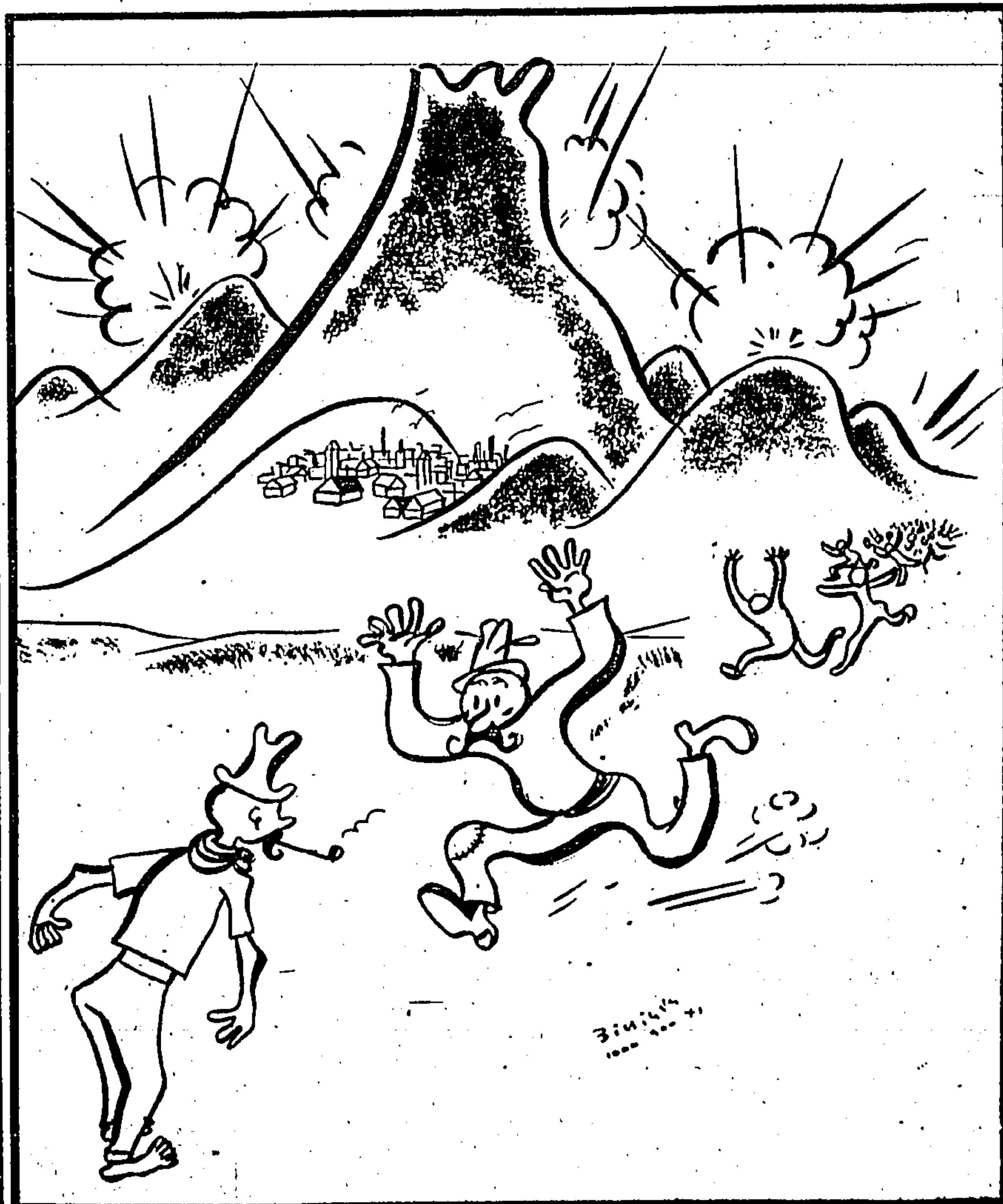
## New Mission

Now a new mission, headed by Kenkichi Yoshizawa, veteran Japanese diplomat and former Minister to China, has arrived in the Netherlands East Indies. The Dutch have asserted their intention to do nothing to aid the Axis powers.

Whether Mr Yoshizawa will keep the conversations within diplomatic bounds or whether threats of violence will lead to an open show- to prevent the Japanese totally destroying the wells down will become clear with- from landing somewhere. would depend largely on the in the next few weeks.

## THE INFERNO

By BILLIKEN



Giovanni: What's happened? Is Vesuvius in eruption again?  
Pietro: Worse! It's the Royal Air Force!



# HOUSEHOLDERS FAIL TO CO-OPERATE

## Poor Blackout Held

In spite of favourable low-lying clouds, the blackout exercise last night did not prove entirely satisfactory, especially on the Island.

Starting at sunset, the blackout, which was the first of the proposed three days' Air Raid Precautions exercise, continued until sunrise to-day.

Owing to the weather, no aerial observation could be made. Because of this and the unsatisfactory co-operation in certain districts, further tests will be made to-night and Friday night, unless a definite improvement is shown. A.R.P. Headquarters said early to-day.

The chief fault arose from householders neglecting to conceal their lights until the first alarm had sounded at 9.15 p.m. Precautions should have been taken at sunset at 6.26 p.m. However, the concealment of lighting in private residences improved considerably after the first alarm.

The first "Raiders Passed" signal was sounded at 9.35 p.m., the second alarm at 11 p.m. and the final "Raiders Passed" signal at 11.20 p.m. According to reports from observers, Kowloon carried out the exercise more efficiently in most respects.

Working in shifts 3,400 men and women A.R.P. wardens patrolled their districts throughout the night in a businesslike manner. In all sectors they displayed great enthusiasm carrying out their duties and treating the exercise as an actual war measure. Advice on lighting problems and helpful suggestions were freely given to householders experiencing difficulties.

Fire Brigade Busy  
Large scale exercises were carried out by the Fire Brigade, members of the Auxiliary Fire Service assisting the regular firemen in "combating" areas subjected to high explosive and incendiary bomb attacks.

Despite the difficult conditions under which the men worked a high degree of mobility was maintained. The only traffic accident reported was at 12.10 a.m. in Kowloon when a motor bus swerved to avoid the Fire Brigade hoses in Nathan Road opposite Wallace Harper's showroom. The bus, which was travelling at a low speed, knocked down several standards on a traffic island. No one was hurt.

The Police made calls on shops in Kowloon and Kowloon Roads, Kowloon, where lights were shining through windows and they were soon extinguished. On the whole Kowloon responded remarkably well and from the ground there were few lights visible, with the exception of richshas. Other traffic lights were very well concealed.

Hongkong improved later in the evening and from Kowloon only one or two prominent lights were visible on the waterfront from as far as west of Kennedy Town to Causeway Bay.

Lights at West Point  
An observer who made a trip on the Peak Tram at 7.30 p.m. said all houses on the Peak had followed the instructions very carefully and apart from the dim light of the tram itself it was not possible to see five yards ahead. The upper tram stations were completely blacked out owing to their exposed position and the lower ones had dim lights.

Lights visible through improper screening of shutters, especially in the old fashioned houses with venetian blinds, when passing the lower and mid levels, were not seen from the upper levels, he said. An observer on the Peak reported at 9.30 p.m. that there was a considerable amount of lighting showing in West Point, and added that it was difficult to obtain a good view of the western part of the Island owing to the low-lying clouds.

Crossing the harbour ferry at 7.45 p.m., an observer said between 60

# WEATHER IMPEDES FIGHTING

## On Albanian Front

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Snowstorms and heavy rains still continue to impede operations on a wide scale in Albania, according to dispatches from the front quoted by the Athens radio.

The Greeks, however, maintain the initiative in minor engagements and patrol activity, and some prisoners belonging to Alpine units have been captured. The Italians have taken no initiative either on land or sea.

British and Greek aircraft have been very active in the battle zone.

Italians Stimulated  
It is stated that Italian officers captured confirm that the Blackshirts systematically fire on their own advanced infantry in order to prevent their retreating.

The Athens radio also stated that in the order of the day of the General in command of the Italian Eleventh Army contained the following: "We must attack and not merely counter-attack."

Artillery Taken  
ATHENS, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Material captured from the Italians to date includes 100 field guns, over 100 heavy guns, 1,500 mortars, a very large quantity of cartridges and hand grenades.

This is announced by the official news agency, which adds that much of this material is now being used against the Italians.

It has already been announced that Italian prisoners number over 20,000.

# R. A. F. Pound Northern French Ports

## LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).

For the second day in succession, R.A.F. bombers and fighters have taken part in an important offensive over the Channel and Northern France.

It is described in an Air Ministry communique issued to-night which says: "This afternoon a squadron of R.A.F. bombers, escorted by fighters, attacked the docks at Calais while fighters carried out an offensive trip over the Channel and Northern France."

"There was considerable anti-aircraft gunfire but very few enemy aircraft were encountered."

"At Calais hits were observed on the quayside and jetties of the tidal harbour."

"One fighter aircraft is missing from these operations."

## Germany Also Bombed

LONDON, Feb. 26 (UP).—An Air Ministry communique says, "Last night considerable numbers of aircraft attacked industrial targets in the Ruhr district and aerodromes in occupied France."

"Separate attacks were also made on Boulogne, Dunkirk, and Calais. 'Yesterday at daylight, our planes attacked the submarine assembly and repair depot at Flushing.' One British bomber is missing."

# U. S. ARMY AND NAVY NEEDS

## WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).

An immediate outlay of \$1,533,000,000 in cash and contract authorisation for the Army and Navy is recommended by the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives.

This includes funds to develop naval and air stations at Guam and Samoa.

The Navy share of this expenditure—\$839,000,000—also covers the initial cost of constructing 400 submarine chasers and other small craft, and will enable delivery by the end of 1943 of 55 more destroyers than originally planned.

The bulk of the Army's \$695,000,000 is earmarked for construction, including cantonment and other housing projects.

## Swedish Budget

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—The Swedish Parliament has adopted a supplementary budget amounting to 93 million kroner for the purchase of aircraft, the reconstruction of certain warships and the building of barracks and other needs.

## Nazi Troops In North Africa

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH".

LONDON, Feb. 26 (UP).—Military circles are of the opinion that small German motorized elements are operating south of Benghazi, but that no large scale engagement is imminent.

## Dead Nazi Honoured By Friend And Foe

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—One of the best-known U-boat commanders of the last war, Vice-Admiral Lothar de la Perriere, the German naval commander who was killed in a story, met with a fatal accident on Monday, it is announced in Berlin to-day.

Admiral Raeder, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Fleet, to-day paid warm tribute to the dead man whom, he declared, "was honoured by friend and foe alike."

# Anglo-Spanish Accord On Status of Tangier

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—The Spanish Government has given an assurance that there will be no fortification of the Tangier Zone.

This declaration was made in the House of Commons to-day by Mr R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, when answering questions on the Tangier position.

The British Ambassador in Madrid, Mr Butler continued, had now concluded discussions with the Spanish Government. The arrangements reached safeguarded the existing personal rights of British subjects in Tangier and guaranteed the continued functioning of existing British institutions and of the British press.

British officials of the International Administration who had been displaced would be fully and generously compensated for their loss of office.

A special economic and financial regime would be applied in Tangier generally, similar to that which existed at present.

## No Fortification

Declaring that the Spanish Government had given an assurance that there would be no fortification of the zone, Mr Butler intimated that it was agreed that if at any time the Mixed Tribunal should cease to function, the Consular Court would be re-established and fully recognised.

By these arrangements, Mr Butler added, the present economic and legal rights of British subjects in Tangier should be adequately safeguarded pending a final settlement.

## Special Interests

The British Government had recognised the special interest of the Spanish Government in the Tangier Zone and also that it was not possible at the moment for the signatories of the relevant international instruments to enter into negotiation.

Thus the British Government maintained their protest against the original action of the Spanish Government and had reserved their rights under the treaties in force. The Spanish Government had similarly reserved their position.

# RUMANIAN TRADE TREATY

## —With Soviet

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Negotiations for a commercial treaty between Russia and Rumania, proceeding during the past year, ended to-day with the signing of a trade and shipping agreement and an agreement concerning goods and payments, according to a Moscow telegram to the official German news agency.

Exchange of goods to the value of \$8,000,000 is foreseen in the first treaty.

Rumania will deliver chiefly naphtha and mineral oils in exchange for cotton and manganese.

# Turkish Envoy In Chungking

## Visiting Shanghai Briefly

CHUNGKING, Feb. 26 (Central News).—Since his arrival here on February 19, Mr Emin Ali Sipahi, Turkish Minister to China, has called on Dr H. H. Kung, Vice-President of the Executive Yuan, and Minister of Finance, Dr Wang Chung-hui, Minister of Foreign Affairs, General Pai Chung-hsi, Vice-Chief of General Staff, Mr Chang Kia-ngau, Minister of Communications, and Dr Wong Wen-hao, Minister of Economic Affairs. He will also see Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

The Turkish envoy will take a trip to Shanghai but will return to Chungking shortly.

## TEA QUOTA DOWN

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—The International Tea Committee has reduced the quota by 2½ per cent, to 90 per cent, for the next control year ending March 31, 1942.

# Roosevelt Called Third Best Speaker

President Roosevelt is rated as the third best American public speaker in the past century. Abraham Lincoln ranked fourth on a list prepared by Prof. K. G. Hance, of the University of Michigan, an authority on oratory and one of the speakers at the recent convention in Washington of the National Association of Teachers of Speech.

Dr Hance gave top honours to Henry Ward Beecher, writer, orator and clergyman, whom he called the most effective speaker of the century. He cited the five speeches Dr Beecher made in England in 1833 which, he said, were responsible for turning British sympathy away from the Confederacy.

Second place went to William Jennings Bryan, as the "unknown" President who captured the Democratic Presidential nomination in 1896 with his now celebrated "Cross of Gold" address.

The President was given third place, the Professor said, "despite the fact that most writers probably enter into preparation of certain speeches."

## Roosevelt And Radio

In evaluating speakers, Dr Hance explained, he weighed the effectiveness of orators in using the radio at their disposal. Thus Mr Roosevelt got no credit for the fact that radio brought his words to millions of more ears than Mr Lin-

# TURKEY

## British Confidence

## In Ally Stated

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).

When asked in the House of Commons to-day whether the British Government was completely satisfied with the way the Turkish Allies were carrying out their agreement, Mr R. A. Butler (Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs) replied, "Yes."

Mr Butler added that the British Government had been kept fully informed of the negotiations leading up to the Turco-Bulgarian Agreement.

He drew attention to the preamble of the agreement, which states that the agreement was without prejudice to the two countries' contractual engagements with other parties.

# Fighters Send Nazis Home

## Alarm In London

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).

British fighters routed a small formation of enemy planes trying to reach London in daylight to-day and sent them scurrying back to their bases.

An alert was sounded in the London area but none of the raiders even reached the outskirts of the capital.

## Casualties In Kent

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Only a few bombs were dropped by enemy aircraft to-day, and these were mainly over the coastal districts of Kent and East Anglia, says an Air Ministry communique to-night. It adds that the damage was slight, but at one place in Kent there was a small number of casualties.

## All Clear

LONDON, Feb. 26 (UP).—The all clear signal was sounded in the London area after a brief alarm sounded when 20 German planes crossed the southeast coast, headed for London, but veered off to the westward before they reached the capital.

# Weygand In Algiers

VICHY, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—General Maxime Weygand, the French Commander-in-Chief in Africa, arrived at Algiers by air to-day after a fortnight's tour of French West Africa.

# New Black Buoy Announced

The establishment of a new buoy in Hongkong waters has been announced by the Naval authorities.

A black can buoy, surmounted by a St. George's Cross, will be laid in position Lat. 22 09 12 N, Long. 114 07 48 E, on or about February 27.

All steam vessels rounding the south of Lamma Island and proceeding either East or West are to pass to the southward of this Buoy.

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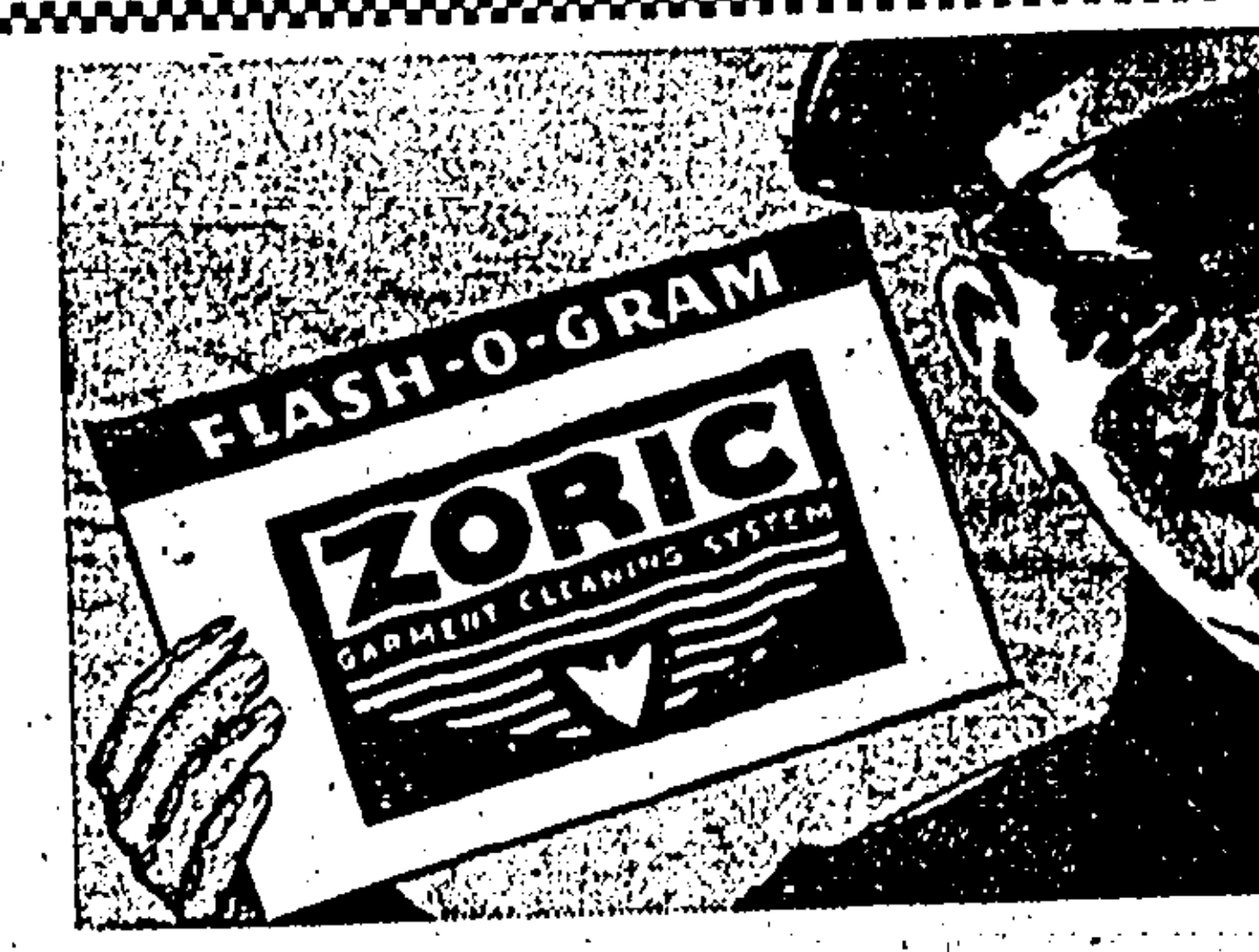
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## "Pilgrim's" Hockey Notes

# Combination Among Forwards

## Methods Of Passing To Spread-Eagle Defence Speed And Efficiency

BROADLY SPEAKING, the wing forwards (with their inners) should work in pairs until nearing their opponents' "25", thus giving the centre-forward plenty of room. The latter will instinctively edge over towards the wing that has the ball, and at the "25" or thereabouts, the wing-men should grasp an early opportunity of passing fairly hard or with an accurate flick to the centre.

The three inners, by then, will have got into a more central position in order to harass the defence a *trois*. The centre-half should also be in attendance.

The flick, like most other passes to forwards, should be made a yard wide of the man to whom the pass is going to allow for his taking the ball in his stride. In this, the defence becomes more exhausted than by square or direct passes which allow time for opponents to discover their positions as a whole.

The object of every player when the ball comes along is to get it under immediate control, which normally means stopping it almost dead. Forwards, particularly when passing among themselves, should learn to trap the ball and take it on with them all in one movement. When receiving a pass from behind, however, it is nearly always best for the forward to stop it dead, even at the expense of speed, for if the ball is only half stopped, an opposing half or back may take possession.

### SPORTS ADVT.

#### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1941

Postponed to:—  
Monday, 24th February  
Tuesday, 25th February  
Wednesday, 26th February  
Thursday, 27th February  
Friday, 28th February  
Saturday, 1st March  
On Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th February, the first bell will be rung at 11.00 a.m., and the first race will be run at 11.30 a.m. On Saturday, 1st March, the first bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m., and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.  
The time interval will be after the fifth race on the third and fourth days.

#### MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURES

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.  
**NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.**  
Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all bills, etc.  
Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 9.45 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 11.45 a.m. ON THE FIFTH DAY.  
A limited number of tickets will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box, (Tel. 21020).

**NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.**

#### PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.  
Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.  
Bookmakers, Tie Men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tickets will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

#### SERVANTS' PASSES

Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.  
Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 10th February, 1941.

### Colony Tennis Entries

Entries for the Colony's Open Lawn Tennis Championships, which will this year be held in aid of the S. C. M. Post Bomber Fund after deducting expenses, will close on Saturday, March 1, at 6 p.m.

Halves usually have to take the ball coming to them while they are running, since forwards are inevitably harassing them from behind. This is undoubtedly the most difficult way of taking the ball on any ground, except one unusually smooth, and if there is no forward in pursuit, a half, especially a wing half, should endeavour to steady himself before taking over.

#### First Timers

SOMETIMES it is possible, even advisable, to hit the ball without stopping it—taking a "first-timer" as it is called. This is always risky, but the advantage gained from the saving of time is sometimes worth the risk.

This particularly applies to a forward within the circle, for often, if he misses it he is no worse off than he would have been had he stopped it before shooting—because it is most doubtful if he would have sufficient time to complete the operation.

#### Soccer

### 12th Battery Easily Beat Medicals

In a third division soccer match at the Valley yesterday 12th Battery defeated Medical Corps 6-1. The losers were overwhelmed in the first half but after positional changes did much better and conceded only one goal.  
Early in the game Ronson opened the scoring for Gunners and shortly after Rochee added a second. This reversal upset Medicals and before the interval they were five goals in arrears. Brown, Rochee and Robertson added the goals.

In the second half Medicals, with both wingers as inside men, opened their score and although they had more of the play could not reduce the deficit.

## British Army Beat Interporters 3-1

LAST TUESDAY on the Club ground at King's Park, the British Army, fielding a weaker team than that which defeated the Club a fortnight ago, accounted for the Interporters by 3-1. Notable features of the game were the Army's fine attack and the weakness of the Colony's last line of defence.

The Army forwards, led by Hitchcock—who completed his "hat-trick"—played a grand game and led by one goal at the interval. Army re-commenced at a great pace in the second half and the Interport defence collapsed under the strain of continued pressure.

The two goals scored during this period were the product of orthodox movements. Shaw, at inside-left, was the brains of the attack, who made those splendid openings for Hitchcock to find his mark.

Army also forced a good many short corners, always a sign of a defence being hustled. The Army halves and backs, among whom Waldron and Anderson continually caught the eye, were generally able to prevent the Interporters' attack from progressing further than the half-way line.

#### Weaknesses

APART from the last fifteen minutes when Ozorio was badly hurt and had to retire, which necessitated E. Fowler filling his place at inside-left, the Colony team was never in the picture. The inclusion of Fowler strengthened the attack immensely, and the forwards went near to scoring on several occasions.

## Random Jottings

### Opponents On View

OUR INTERPORT OPPONENTS were on view against Recreio last Sunday, and, considering that they have played very little hockey this season, gave a very good display against one of the best teams in the local League.

Mr C. Braga, Secretary of the Macao Hockey Club, indicated that his boys had had a rough trip to Hongkong and though they took fully half an hour to settle down, he was pleased with their display.

Three youngsters, G. Silva, S. Ferreira and R. Angelo, were seen in action, and the first-named will probably be making his debut in the Interport game against Hongkong. He has the makings of a fine insurance. He is only 18 and possesses speed and good ball control, and all he needs is more experience. This he will acquire in due course.

Last Sunday's result might be encouraging to our selectors, but they must remember that our visitors were without the services of their best player and, incidentally, the captain of the team, L. Costa, who hopes to recover from an illness in time for the big game. With his inclusion and F. Rosario—who is also at present on the sick-list—in their defence, Macao will take some beating on their home ground.

Summing up, I must admit that Macao is in the same predicament as ourselves. They have a strong defence but a weak attack. It is, therefore, up to the selectors to strengthen the Colony attack.

OF the four Interport selections included in the Recreio team, R. Marques was the most outstanding, with W. A. Reed the second best. J. Goncalves was fortunate in having the former as his partner, because Marques was quick with his recovery and covered his partner well. Tony Alves was his usual self and kept a good check on the speedy F. Nolasco.

DUE to his good display last Sunday, B. Gosano was included as leader for the Colony team against the British Army on Tuesday. He is fast, and, being a footballer, always on the alert, but lacks that something which is essential to all forwards—stick-work.

E. L. "Doc" Gosano was unable to turn out for Recreio against Macao as he dislocated his shoulder last Sunday morning at softball. It is rather unfortunate that Recreio seem to be losing some of their best players when they are so near to winning the H.K.H.A. championship.

and went further behind when Rochee scored twice. R.A.M.C.—Foster; Entwistle; Smith; Collins; Loyne; Florence; Churchman; Reardon; Poy; B. Macrae; R. G. Gastleton; W.A.—Westwood; Lane; Cook; Murray; Ronson; Richardson; Rochee; Thackeray; Brown; Byres; Robertson.

## Macao Held to Draw By Club de Recreio

### Practically Interport XI

AT KING'S PARK last Sunday, Macao, fielding practically their Interport eleven, were held to a 2-2 draw by Club de Recreio—the latter being one of the two undefeated Clubs in the H.K.H.A. League.

Though it was a keen fast game, Macao, in the estimation of many, should have won, as the third goal scored by Albert Airoso seemed legitimate but was disallowed for sticks.

It commenced at a terrific pace. Recreio attacked at the start, and Macao defenders had difficulty in keeping them out.

After 25 minutes of keen exchanges, however, Recreio took the lead through J. Fonseca, and this lead they held until just before half-time when P. Angelo broke through to equalise.

In the second half, young G. Silva was seen at inside right instead of F. Ramalho, and Macao did most of the attacking. The inside trio of Silva, Angelo and A. Airoso played well together, and from a breakaway, A. Airoso cleverly beat the home defence to put the visitors in the lead with a fast rising shot.

This lead, however, was short-lived, for at the other end, B. Gosano, receiving the ball on the run,

equalised with a grand shot that completely bent Almada.

#### Fine Defence

IN the closing stages, the visiting defence played brilliantly. Alex Airoso, in particular, as pivot, displayed fine anticipation and good stickwork. His brother, Albert, made a praiseworthy effort to give Macao victory when he actually scored, but the goal was disallowed.

Basto was the best back and Almada in goal gave a fine exhibition. During the last period, Recreio were penned in their own half, but their defence managed to hold out. R. Marques, at right back, played splendidly, getting good assistance from P. Xanovich and W. A. Reed in the half line. B. Gosano and J. Fonseca were the pick of the forwards.

With the exception of the one major decision, the game was efficiently controlled by Mr K. Hussain and Cpl Hodge.

## Seven-a-side Rugger Tournery Nears Its End

### Police "A" Eliminated

SURPRISES in the four rugger matches of the Blarney Stone Seven-a-side Tournament yesterday were the elimination of the Police "A", last year's runners-up, and the defeat of the Bank by Tamar and S/S.

## Cambridge Beat Oxford At Hockey

LONDON, Jan.—Cambridge beat Oxford in a hockey match at Oxford by four goals to one.

Play at the beginning of the game was even, but Cambridge gradually gained the upper hand, and after 15 minutes C. E. Johnson scored with a brilliant shot.

Two minutes later a mistake by an Oxford back allowed T.C.L. Parry to score Cambridge's second goal, and although Oxford played up well, Cambridge had retained their lead of two goals at half-time.

In the second half Cambridge again had the better of the play, and further goals were scored by J. R. Bridger and Johnson.  
Oxford then rallied, and as the result of a good run B. H. Sims scored their only goal.

## Sunday Shoot Arranged By Middlesex

Middlesex have arranged a shoot at Kowloon City on Sunday, under the auspices of the Hongkong Rifle Association. The events will be divided into three classes, rifle, individual, rifle team, revolver.

The individual contest will be on ranges from 200 and 500 yards and will consist of a convertible sighting shot and 10 rounds to count. Prizes will be a Middlesex silver spoon to the highest aggregate in classes A, B, C and D, a Hongkong-Singapore Artillery silver spoon to the highest handicap aggregate in all four classes, and a silver spoon to each winner of a sealed envelope competition at 200 and 500 yards.

#### Team Contest

The team contest will be for teams of six from affiliated clubs, which may enter as many teams as they wish. Only net scores will count. Entrance card is \$1. Small clubs may amalgamate to form a team but all team members must be nominated and cards initiated either by the Secretary, Treasurer or the Assistant Secretary, before firing begins. The winning team will receive six Middlesex spoons.

The revolver contest will consist of six rounds in six seconds at 10 yards and six rounds in 15 seconds at 15 yards. A Middlesex spoon will be awarded to the winner with the highest net aggregate.  
Shooting will start at 8.45 a.m., and the time of tickets will cease at 9 a.m. Firing must be with service rifles as issued, but sights may be slackened and blow-pads worn. The use of the wind gauge or sling is forbidden. No com-

In the first match, Butterfield and Swire won by 4-3, after a scoreless first half. Fine defensive play by Upton and Matthews featured the first half, but early in the second period Hutchinson dropped a great goal from 35 yards.

Police, despite great efforts, could do not better than a try when Wright-Nooth touched down wide of the posts.

Teams were: Butterfield and Swire—J. C. C. Matthews; V. G. H. Upton, J. Hutchinson; L. J. Money; J. M. Macrae, R. G. Gastleton and G. B. "Howlett"; Reynolds, C. S. Wilson; Wright-Nooth; Dempsey, Cullinan and Tynes.

#### Bank Beaten

TAMAR and SMALL SHIPS won by 6-0 after a scoreless first half. Both of the tries were excellent efforts by Bowden and Paul. The latter was the first to notch, points when he touched down between the posts. The kick was charged down by Aitkenhead.

Bowden's try, in the closing minutes, was featured by an amazing run that circled the Bank players and left them standing. Paul failed with the kick.

Teams were: Tamar and S/S—Kennedy; Paul, Carter; Bowden; Flynn, King and Wilson.

#### 8th Heavy Win

TWO TRIES from Capt. Hook gave the 8th Heavy Regt R.A., a 6-0 victory over Combined Small Units "A". The first try was the result of a burst through the centre, and the second was following a passing bout at Small Units' end of the field.

Teams were: 8th Heavy—Richards; Marsh and Richards (Bdr); Hook; Cook, McDermott and Turner.

Small Units "A"—MacDonald; Pratt, Hamlin; Morgan; Clifton, Chandler and Mohan.

#### Club "B" Beaten

MIDDLESEX "B" beat Club "B" 5-3 after leading 5-0 at the interval. Middlesex took the lead when Freshwater evaded four tackles to score wide of the posts, and then added the points with a fine kick.

Lavalle touched down for Club wide of the posts, but Stout failed with the kick.

Teams were: Middlesex—Freshwater, Ferguson; Muggelidge; Gilham, Burrell and A. N. Oiler.

Club "B"—Lavalle; Wilson, F. Clemo; Stoker; Olson, Stout and Penn.

#### "Y" Annual Meeting

The annual general meeting of the European Y.M.C.A. Swimming section will be held to-morrow Friday, 8.30 p.m. in the West Lounge. All interested are welcome to attend.

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## Graziani Now A Prisoner

Bald Impeachment Of Mussolini

London, Feb. 26. Marshal Graziani is a prisoner in Rome, according to the Daily Telegraph's Lisbon correspondent, who states that the news came from a diplomatic source in Rome. Since January he has been under house arrest with his presence in the capital a close secret.

After the fall of Bardia on January 5 Graziani flew to Rome to attend a meeting of the Supreme War Council, presided over by Il Duce. In a long, dramatic speech he disclaimed responsibility for and foretold the course of the campaign almost exactly as it came to pass. Graziani closed his self-defence by turning to Il Duce and formally resigning from the Fascist Party. Henceforth, he said, he could serve his country only as a professional soldier.

Mussolini's reply was to order Graziani to remain in Rome. The Marshal laid on the council table the actual orders Mussolini had sent him for the conduct of the African campaign. These showed that it was the Duce himself who planned the invasion of Egypt.

### Duce Scorns Advice

Graziani then read copies of his replies in which he opposed in strongest terms the strategy conceived by Mussolini. He pointed out that the retreating British forces had completely destroyed all means of supply between Sidi Barrani and Mersa Matruh and that water supplies had particularly suffered. Under such conditions he said, he could not accept responsibility for provisioning an invading army nor could he assure petrol from the distant Libyan bases for mechanised units. Finally, he stressed the grave risk of communications being cut and the army encircled.

Il Duce was confronted at the Council with his replies to these dispatches. In these he had swept aside all Graziani's arguments and commanded him to advance.

The Marshal declared that he had never modified his opposition to this strategy and had only continued in command at Il Duce's order.—Reuter.

## Nightsoil Removal Strongly Criticised By Dr MacLeod

The present method of removing nightsoil was strongly criticised by Dr N. C. MacLeod, Vice-Chairman of the Council and Deputy Director of Health Service, at the fortnightly meeting of the Urban Council yesterday.

Dr MacLeod, who urged that the departmental system for the collection of nightsoil, which had already been approved by the Council, be inaugurated without delay, said: "Having heard so much about the many attractions of this Colony I was a little dumbfounded when, soon after my arrival, I learned of the unique method—I cannot call it a system—of nightsoil collection in use. I could hardly believe that such a method could be tolerated in a large town which claims a high place amongst the finest harbours in the world. Anyway, since my arrival I seem to have been constantly associated with nightsoil in its various aspects—its reception, its collection, its transport, its disposal, its quality and, most of all, its quantity. This is not because I have any feelings towards the handling of this matter, but because I agree with Health authorities throughout the world that nightsoil out of control is a grave danger and exposes both the local community and visitors using this port to an unjustified and unjustifiable risk.

Even in the smaller townships of British territories in Africa—places which many of you might regard as "out in the blue"—this danger is realised and nightsoil collection and disposal is carried out by Government; and, if it is so serious in Africa where there is no cholera, how much more dangerous is an uncontrolled conservancy system in Hongkong?

This Council appreciates the danger. At a meeting held on October 11, 1940, it was unanimously resolved: "That this Council do recommend to Government that the Sanitary Department be authorised immediately to organise, equip and carry out a departmental system for the collection of nightsoil from private premises." I would emphasise that this resolution was unanimous at a full meeting of this Council, which includes amongst its members five members of Legislative Council—one of them an able and distinguished Chinese.

### Question Deferred

This resolution received the support of Government and financial provision for an improved service was made in the Draft Estimates for

1941-42. That being so, Mr Chairman, you had almost complete arrangements for the inauguration of a new system in April under your control. But, alas, the Finance Committee, consisting of a majority of Unofficial Members, decided to defer the question for further consideration.

This Council considered the improvement asked for not only essential but urgently so, and that after an investigation lasting some eighteen months. The Hon Mr Tam's remarks on this question have received great publicity, unfortunately, I think, because they were based on mistaken ideas and lack of information. He said that it was "concerned to him" that there is some confusion of thought as regards the issues involved. That is obvious, but it is equally obvious that his remarks do not apply to this Council, which appreciates the main issue involved—safeguarding the health of Hongkong—for which it is the responsible authority.

Let us look at the figures for the notified cases of enteric diseases in Hongkong during 1940. They are: Cholera, 245 cases with 626 deaths; Dysentery, 1,694 cases with 562 deaths; Typhoid, 331 cases with 324 deaths. These are notified cases only, and there must have been many more of Dysentery and Typhoid which never saw a doctor or avoided the post-mortem room and so are not recorded. Cholera must now be regarded as endemic. Recent investigations have proved that there is a high percentage of both Cholera and Typhoid carriers in the population. How can we improve matters unless sanitary arrangements are brought as far up to date as possible?

The nightsoil collectors, or should I say the nightsoil contractors, say that the present arrangement started in 1841 and that if it was good enough for a hundred years it should be good enough now. The Hon Mr Tam advocates a continuance of this system with a few minor modifications and states: "It does not appear that Government should have any term to be comprehensive of a lack of progress." Progress is a relative term. What we are trying to get now for Hongkong—a large and important sea and air port—after a

### Compromise Unacceptable

We cannot accept a compromise because of protests from sources which are interested either financially or traditionally in a continuance of the present methods. We must have a disciplined and well organised staff and that can only be attained by a staff under departmental control.

What happened during the last Black-out? I believe there was no collection of nightsoil, and we are faced with a similar dark prospect for three days this week. And what would happen in the event of a real emergency necessitating a Black-out for weeks or months on end? I submit that we might very well find ourselves—in the soup—and have to organise at a moment's notice in most difficult circumstances a system which we should be organising now. No nightsoil contractor is going to carry on this business when markets for the material century of British rule is a system which has been in operation in the become unavailable. In other words, Gentlemen, this is a defence measure which requires early and serious consideration. You all appreciate the dangers of a serious epidemic under war conditions, and I need not labour the point.

I am sorry to have taken up so much of your time, but I consider that the Urban Council, as the responsible authority, should make its views clear to the public on this important question. The present arrangements are haphazard and dangerous and should not be tolerated in a modern town or village.

Our Chairman is appearing soon before the Finance Committee and I feel it would strengthen his hand if we were to confirm our previous resolution on this matter. I therefore propose: "That this Council confirm and requests Government to approve of the inauguration of a de-

By Ernie Bushmiller

## Support For War Fund

A total of \$1,500,222.10 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd., with the following donations:

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partmental system for the collection of nightsoil without further delay." The proposal was seconded by Mr L. C. F. Bellamy.

The Chairman (the Hon. Mr W. J. Carrie): As the usual notice has not been given, I can only put forward the motion if it is accepted by two-thirds of the members present.

### Urgency Queried

The Hon. Mr Li Tse-ung: I don't think it will serve any useful purpose if we are to put through the motion to-day, seeing that the Finance Committee is meeting to-morrow and that the whole question will be decided there and then. I am not objecting to the resolution—I think the scheme is a good one—but the question is the financial position of the Colony.

Dr MacLeod: We are not concerned here with expenses rates and so on. What we want is the safeguarding of the health of the Colony.

The Hon. Mr Li: Mr Tam has said the present system is very unsatisfactory.

The Chairman: I do not wish to say anything. If two-thirds of the members present consider that the matter is urgent I will put forward the motion.

The Hon. Mr Li: I don't think it is so urgent. There were eight members present, besides the Chairman, and of these six agreed that the matter was urgent. The motion was accordingly put to the vote, and only the Hon. Mr Li abstained from voting, the others being all in favour.

### Applications Refused

Five applications for licences were refused. They were for an eating house licence for 4 D'Agallak Street, ground floor; a food preserving licence for the premises on K.M.L. 57 Thistle Street; a food shop licence for 57 Johnston Road, ground floor, to sell fruit; permission to use the basements at 114 and 116 Austin Road as a workshop and for human habitation; and addition of Lots 5730, 5721 and 5720 and for additional business of preserving fruits to the food preserving licence for 171 Sheong Sha Po.

The first four applications were refused because the premises were unsuitable, and the other was rejected on the ground that the surface of the drying ground had not been cemented.

The Chairman reported that all the items of expenditure which the Council had put forward had been included in the estimated expenditure for the coming year, which had been fully considered. The items of expenditure included refuse lorries, nightsoil junks, mechanical street lighters, alterations to refuse piers, \$50,000 for new public street latrines, two supply tanks for street flushing, and alterations and improvements at Tsang Foo Villas for the staff at Kowloon City.

There was, however, one item which had been put back for reconsideration, but he was attending an informal meeting of the Finance Committee to-day (Thursday) and he would do his best to have it passed.

During the fortnight ending on Tuesday, the Council granted six licences comprising: Food factories, 2; Food shops, 1; Eating houses, 2; and Neon signs (permission to erect), 1.

Present at the meeting were: The Hon. Mr W. J. Carrie (Chairman), Dr N. C. MacLeod (Deputy Chairman), the Hon. Mr R. A. C. North, the Hon. Mr C. G. Perdue, Mr L. C. F. Bellamy, Mr B. Wong, Tape, Mr Tang Shu-kin, Dr A. M. Rodriguez, the Hon. Mr Li Tse-ung, Mr C. J. Roe (Secretary), and Mr Im Ping-tung (Assistant Secretary).

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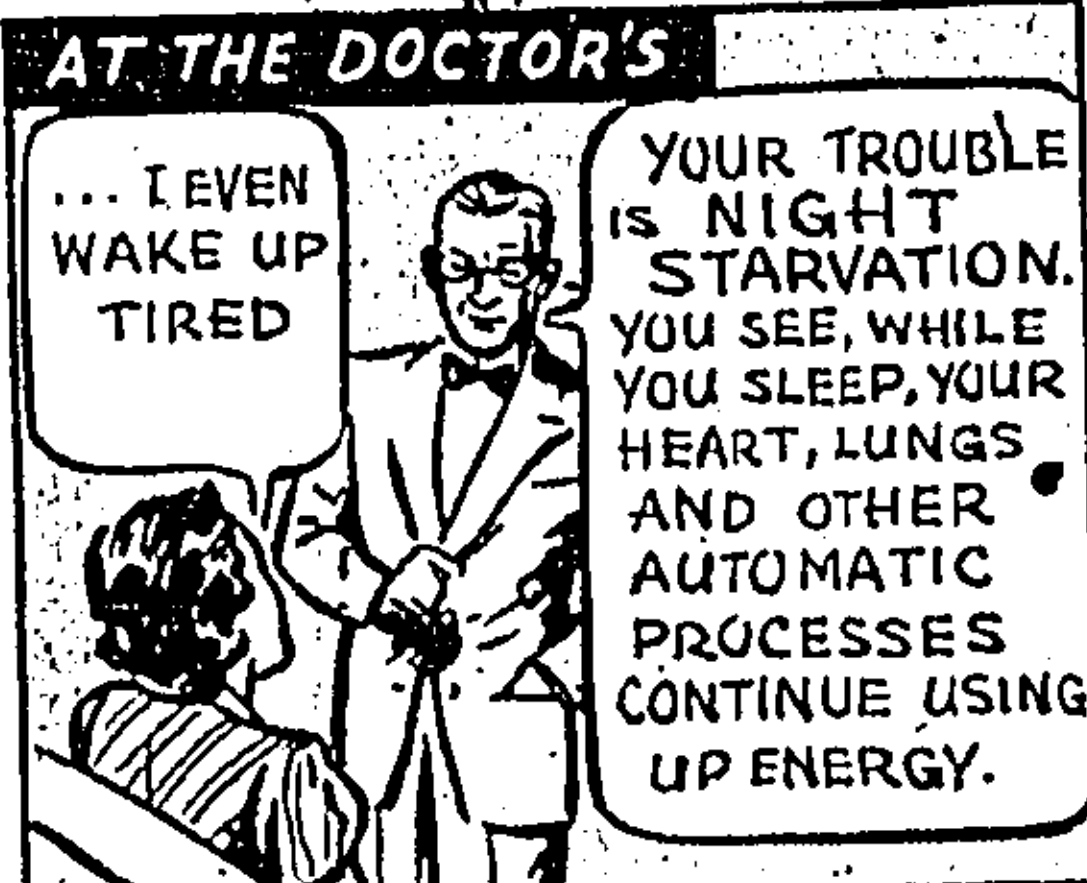
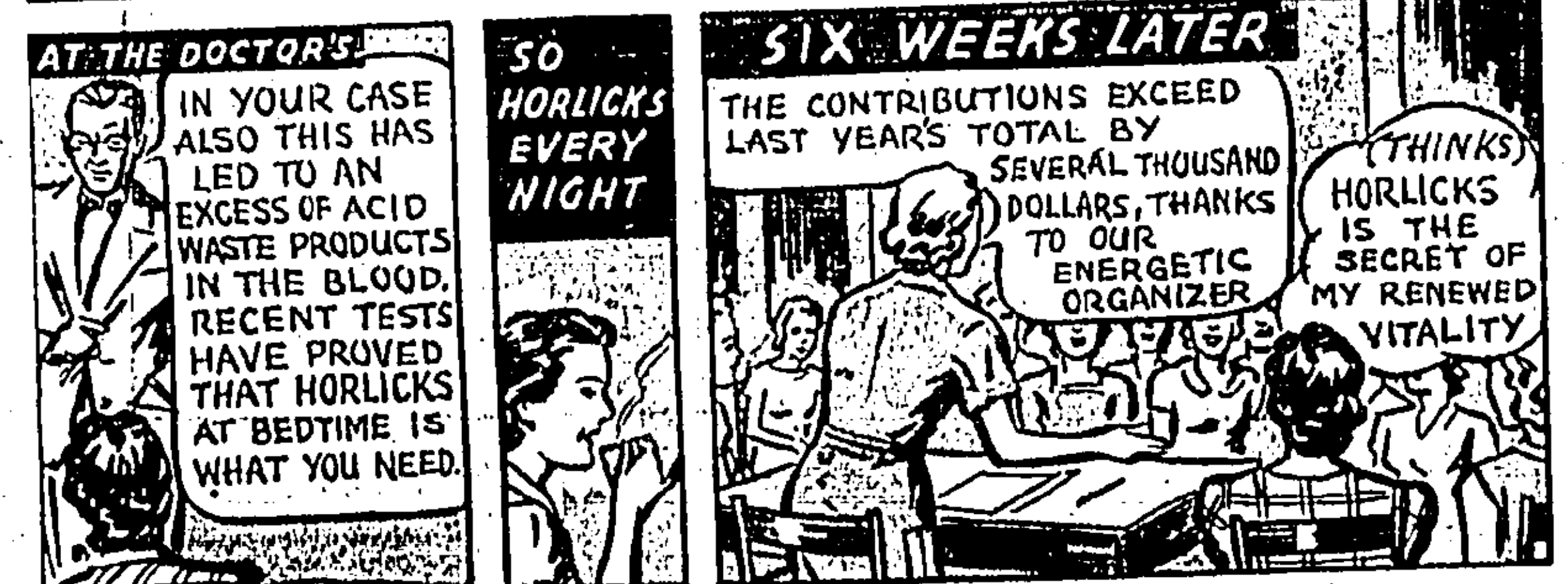
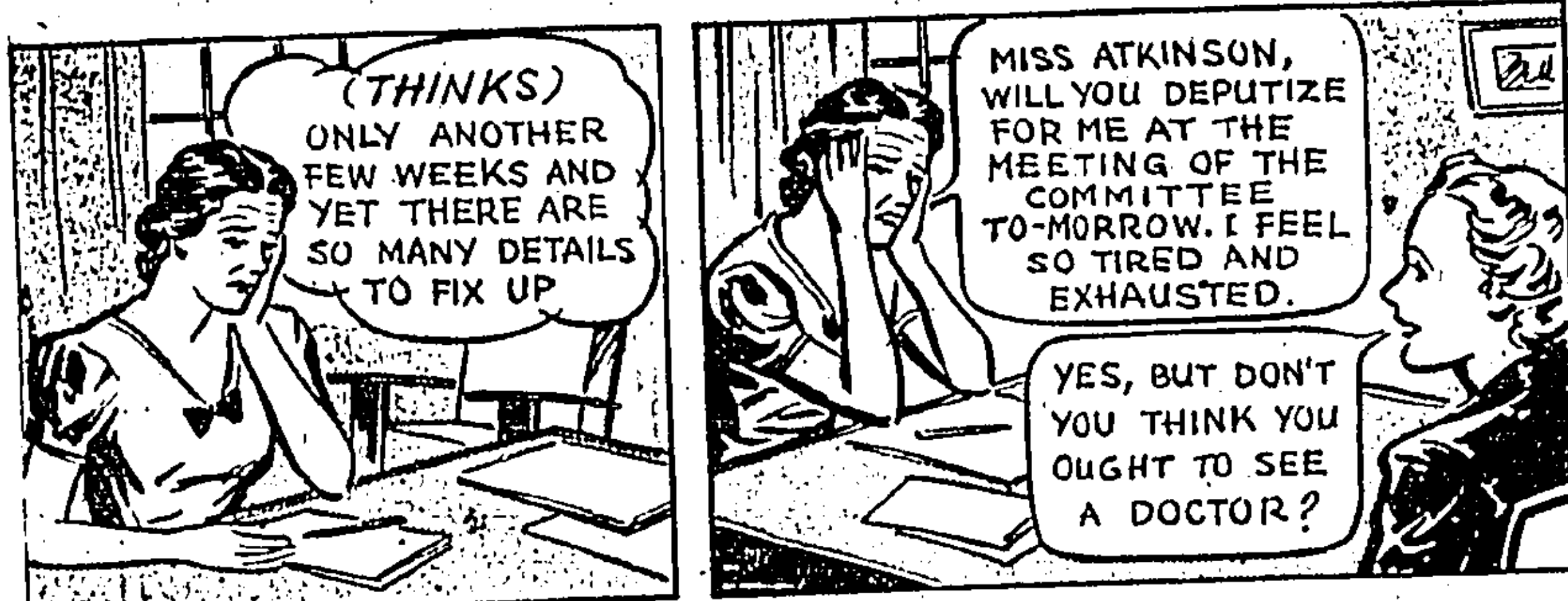
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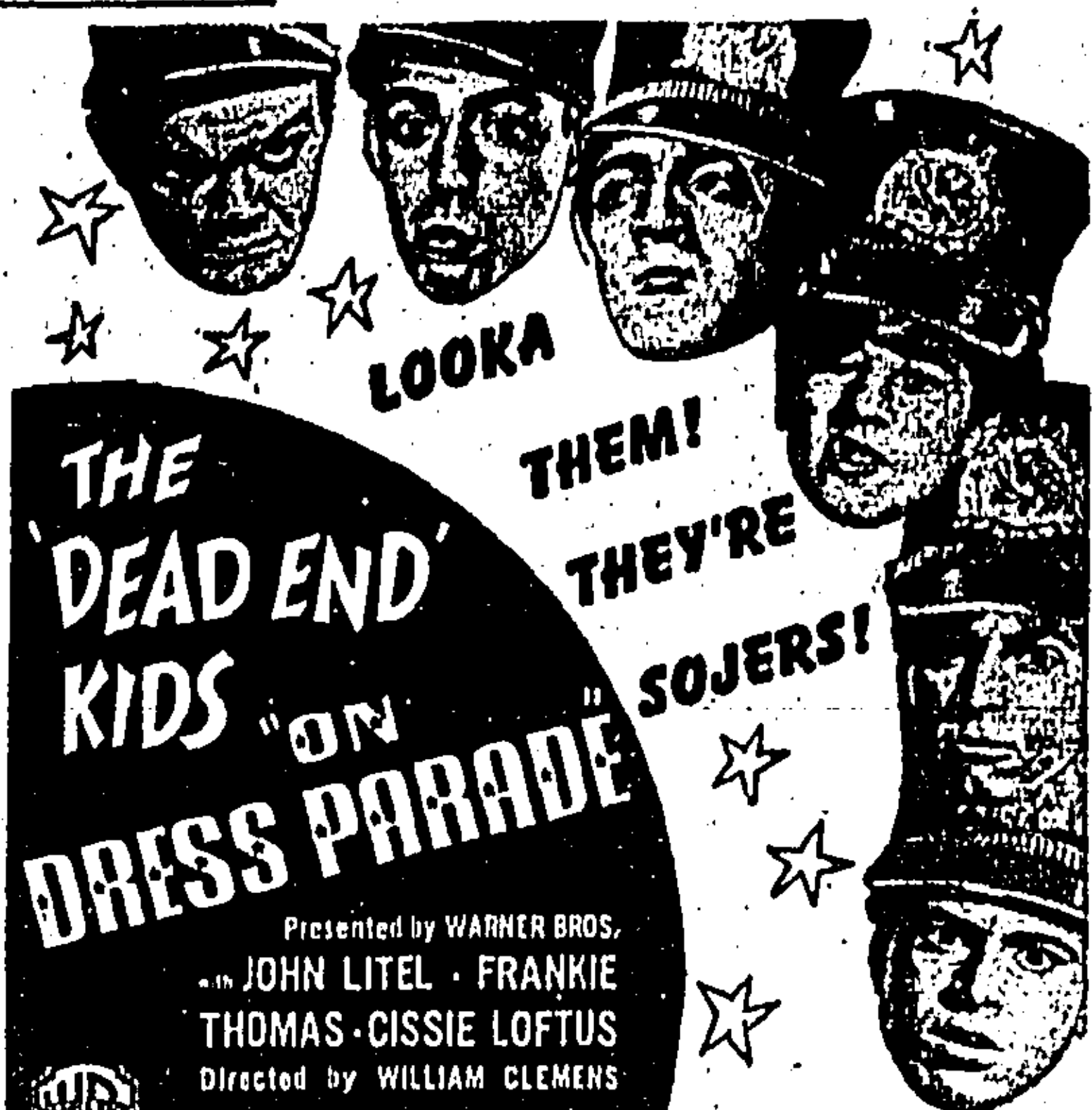
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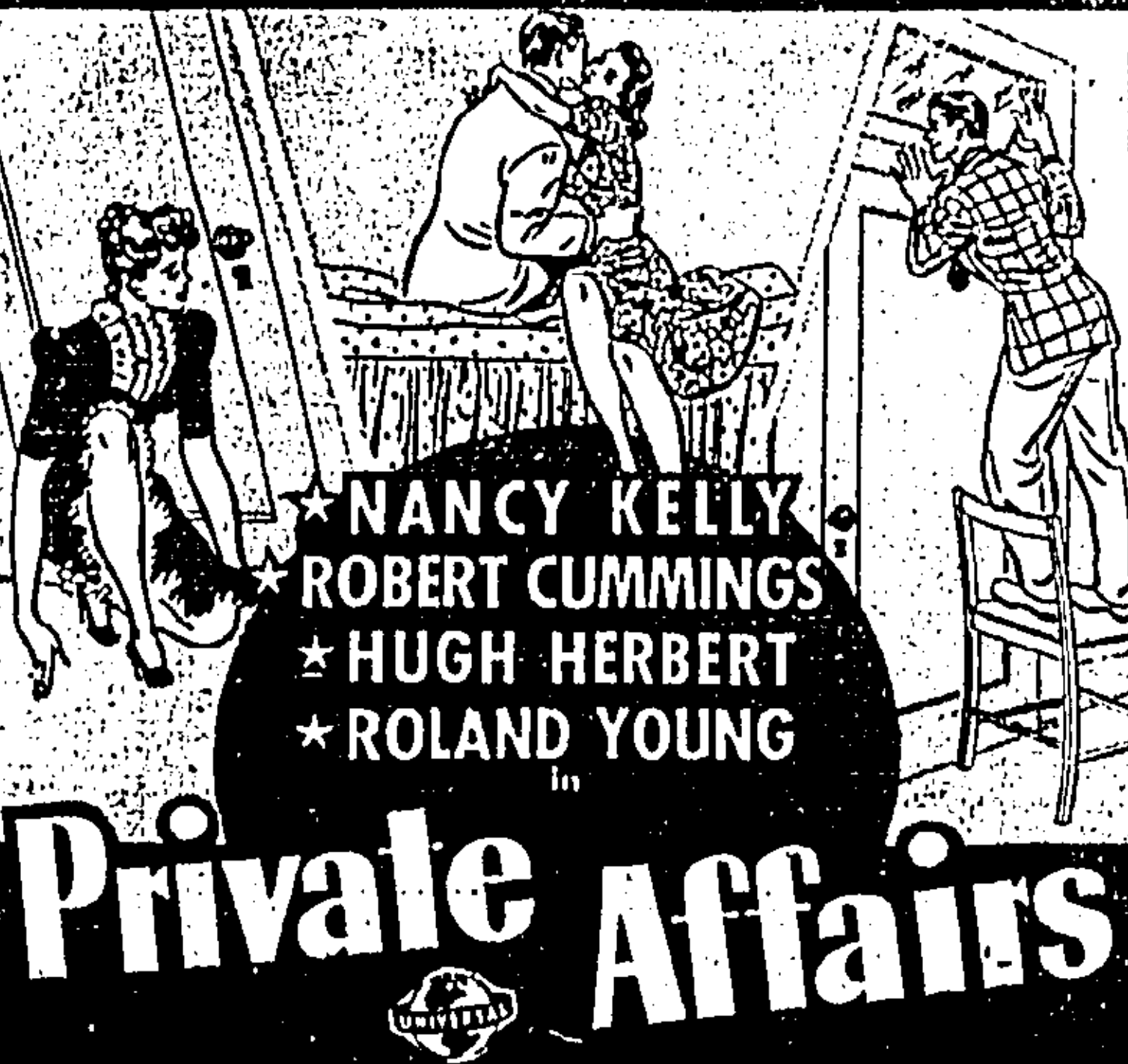
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Corned beef, he said, should be cut into small cubes, garnished with either boiled rice or potatoes.

Italians Driven Back On Three Fronts

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portions easily countered the value of bridge heads. The news that the enemy was across the river against all expectations and was making mushroom inroads into their lines, caused the collapse of Italian morale.

"All forces share in the glory of the success. The King's African Rifles captured Libec, Atmuda and Misimay and cut off the Gellib garrison from Brava. The Gold Coast Regiment captured Bullo Erillo and forced the river Juba at Tavetta Island, capturing Brava and cutting off Gellib from the north. The South Africans captured Gobwen Pumbo and Gellib with its garrison, while the East Africans and West Africans shared in the taking of the capital.

LUNCHEON FOR DR LIM

A luncheon in honour of Dr Robert Lim, Director of the Medical Relief Corps, Chinese Red Cross, will be given by the Chinese Defence League in the Roof Garden, Hongkong Hotel, at 1 p.m. to-morrow.

Dr Lim will be the principal speaker, and Dr Wellesley Nay will also speak.

## LATE NEWS

## New Construction on Probable Matsuoka Visit to Moscow

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Japanese circles in Shanghai assert that the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr Matsuoka, will shortly visit Moscow to sign an agreement with the Soviet, the Shanghai correspondent of a Free French Agency reports.

The agreement is said to provide for the demilitarisation of the Soviet-Manchukuo frontier. The rectification of that frontier in Russia's favour, and the modification of the Treaty of Portsmouth, placing Japanese economic privileges on the Sakhalin and fishing rights in the Sea of Japan.

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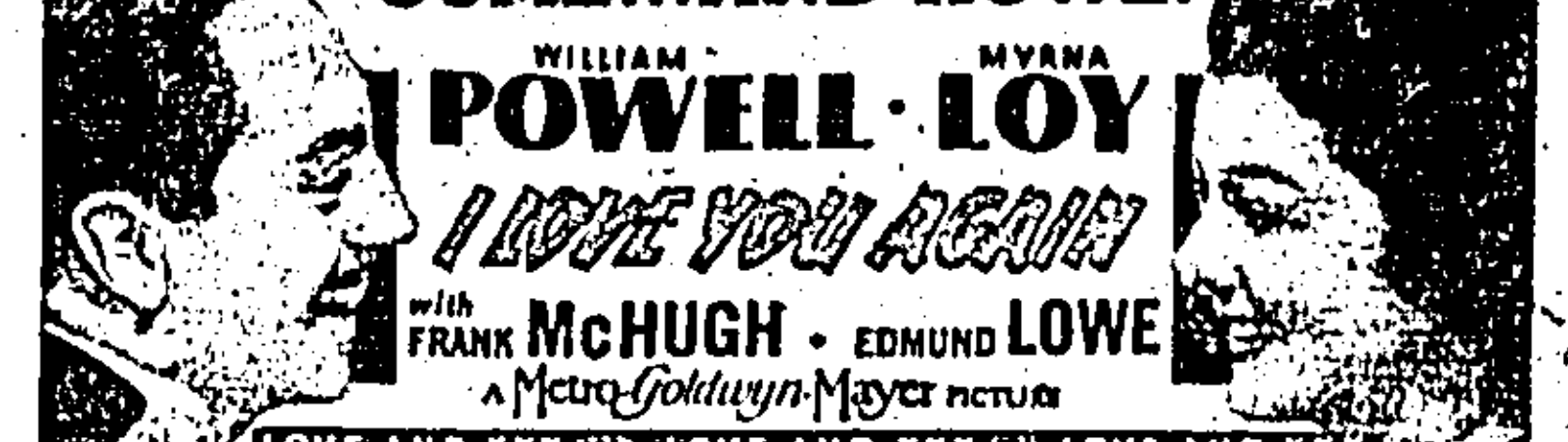
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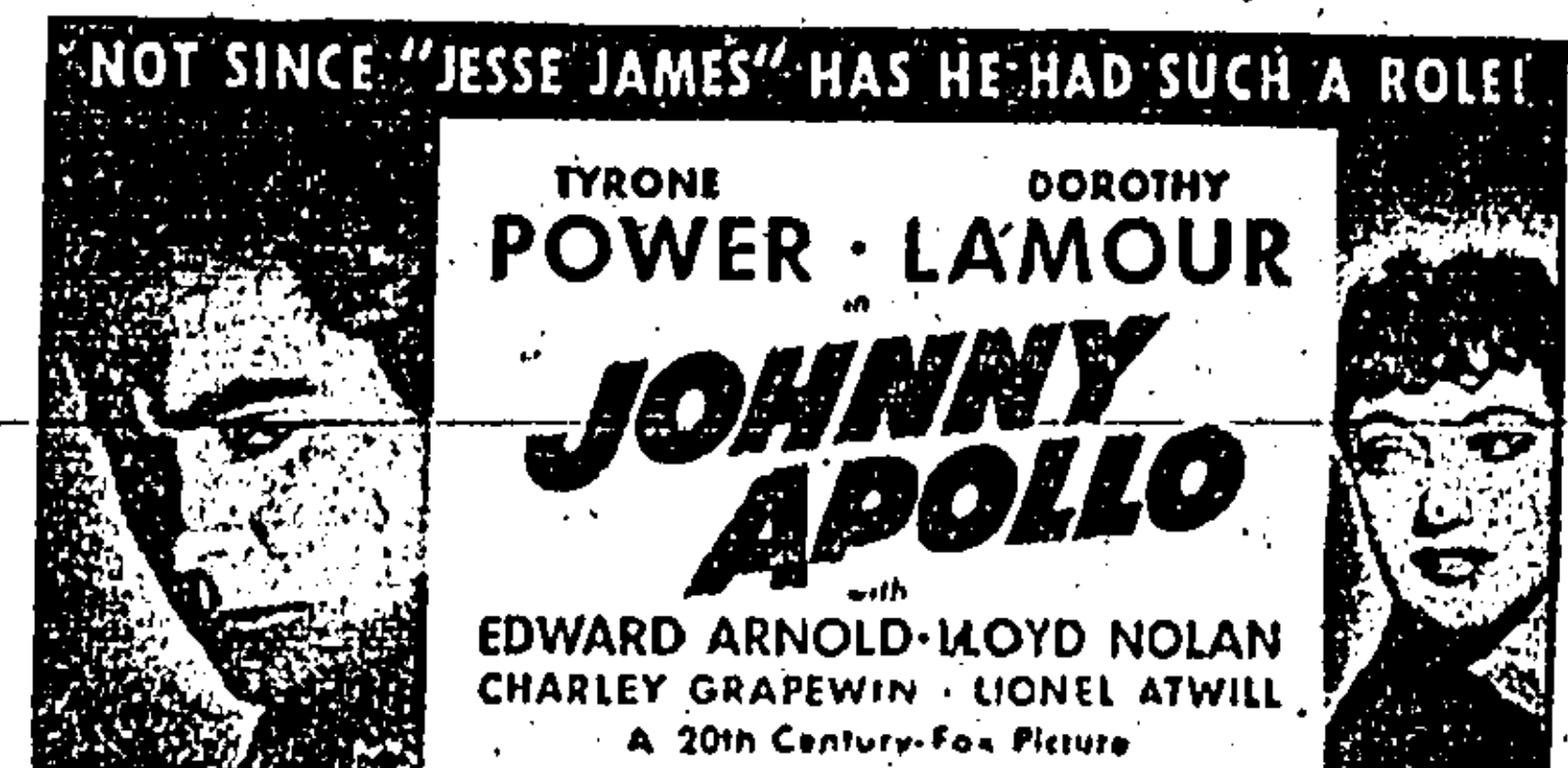
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**WHITEAWAY'S**

# 200,000 NAZIS MASS ON BULGARIAN BORDER READY FOR INVASION

Special to the "Telegraph"

**BELGRADE, Feb. 26 (UP).—IT IS ESTIMATED BY WELL INFORMED QUARTERS THAT AT PRESENT THERE ARE 23 GERMAN DIVISIONS, TOTALLING 450,000 MEN IN RUMANIA. THESE 14 DIVISIONS, COMPRISING 200,000 SOLDIERS ARE ALONG THE BULGARIAN-YUGO-SLAV FRONTIERS.**

A Budapest report says that constantly recurring, but as yet unconfirmed rumours regarding the alleged entry of a German army into Bulgaria, include a report that 13,000 Nazi troops entered Bulgaria last night.

**CROSSED THE DANUBE**

**NEW YORK, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—It is reported from Belgrade that 12,000 German motorised troops invaded Bulgaria on Tuesday afternoon.**

A report from Sofia says that these troops crossed the Danube at a bridge near Chernavoda.

**Nazis Ready To March**

**LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—All information suggests that the German preparations for the occupation of Bulgaria are now far advanced.**

Mr R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, made this declaration in the House of Commons, to-day when asked whether the British Institute in Sofia had been closed by order of the Bulgarian authorities.

Mr Butler explained that the British Minister in Sofia had been given discretion to arrange for the departure of the staff of the British Institute when he considered the circumstances desirable.

Mr Butler gave no reply when asked whether the Bulgarian Government had been informed that unless they were prepared to defend their independence by force, they would be regarded as a hostile country and their communications would be cut.

## ALFONSO CRITICAL Suffers Several Heart Attacks

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

**ROME, Feb. 26 (UP).—At 9 p.m. a bulletin regarding ex-King Alfonso read: "Throughout the day his condition is characterized as serious weakness which is a direct consequence to repeated heart attacks."**

**Cardiac Disturbances**

Ex-King Alfonso's heart attacks at 5 p.m. developed into a series of minor cardiac disturbances which started at noon and continued at half-hour intervals.

The ex-King spent a quiet morning but the doctors prohibited all visits following yesterday's attacks. It is reported that Alfonso was given more hypodermic injections this morning after a fitful night.

## Chinese Doubt Of U.S.-Anglo Spirit

**CHUNGKING, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—The report that Britain and the United States are warning Japan against further southward expansion received in Chungking with mixed feelings.**

While some quarters regard the move as a strong warning to Japan and attach great importance to the fact that parallel action has been taken by Britain and the United States, the influential daily, "Ta Kung Pao," expresses the fear that Britain and America lack the determination to check Japan.

## Mysterious Fire In Bosphorus

**Oil Tanks Threatened**

**LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—A mysterious big fire which threatened to engulf oil tanks in the Bosphorus is reported in an Istanbul telegram to the "Stefani" agency.**

Five vessels loaded with petrol and paraffin caught fire and the blaze spread to other paraffin-laden boats. After prolonged efforts, firemen prevented the flames from reaching the oil tanks nearby.

An inquiry has been opened.

## THOUSANDS BUY CENTENARY STAMPS



Our photographer captured this scene in the General Post Office yesterday, when thousands of Chinese throughout the day crowded into the building to purchase the special Hongkong centenary stamps for first covers.—Ming Yuen.

# Italians Driven Back on Three Fronts in East Africa Offensive

**CAIRO, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Further progress by patriot forces in Abyssinia is reported in the latest communique from G.H.Q., Cairo, which tells of continued thrusts on three fronts.**

"In Eritrea," says the communique, "our northern column advancing towards Keren has again made satisfactory progress. About Keren itself, local activity continues."

"In Abyssinia, patriot forces, supported by British troops, have successfully increased the area of their penetration in the Gojjam area, and further south, are causing evacuation of more Italian ports."

"Following the enemy withdrawal from Italian Somaliland, West African troops yesterday captured Brava, from which port our advance is again continuing."

"In the Galla area, prisoners so far counted number 64 officers and 423 other ranks, together with 600 Colonial troops."

**Capture of Gelib**

**NAIROBI, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—The South African formation which captured Gelib after having crossed the river near the mouth, made an exceedingly rapid march for 60 miles up the river, clearing enemy opposition all the way, says an official communique.**

Here East African formations, having crossed the highlands, selected the Gold Coast Regiment, carried out a night march through desert country and cut the only road communication between Gelib and Brava, thus preventing the escape of the main body."

A Gold Coast brigade, which had borne the brunt of the early fighting across Jubba, completed its operations and cut off all avenues of escape to the north."

**3,000 Prisoners**

A conservative estimate of the number of prisoners is 3,000 while in addition, many of the enemy who escaped to the bush are now returning and surrendering.

An aeroplane reported that the enemy retreating along a beach 30 miles from Jubba waved white flags in the face of their desire to surrender.

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## Precautions In Philippines

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

**WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (UP).—The War Department disclosed to-day that 60 officers, ranging from Lieutenants to Lieutenant-Colonels have been ordered to remain in the Philippines, although they will be assigned to new posts.**

It was also disclosed that the Philippine Scouts, totalling about 6,000 native troops with American officers, are being doubled.

**LATEST**

## Can't Spare Ships U.S. Mercantile Position

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

**WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (UP).—Officials of the Maritime Commission to-day stated that none of the existing merchant vessels can be spared to Britain during the next nine months, owing to the fact that they are needed for the transport of strategic materials for defence progress. Moreover, the United States needs about 60 more 10,000-ton cargo boats to meet domestic requirements.**

The present merchant fleet consists of 1,276 ships, including the Great Lakes fleet and military transports, leaving only 331 merchant vessels and 46 tankers for foreign trade, totalling 2,405,000 tons. One hundred and thirty vessels are now being rushed to completion, averaging one launching every five days.

See Back Page For Further Late News

## War Chiefs' Evidence To Congress Made Public

**WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—That invasion is less imminent than a year ago is the opinion of General George Marshall, United States Chief of the Army Staff.**

This and other views of the war by the heads of the United States Army and Navy were given to Congress and made public by the House of Representatives Appropriations Committee to-day.

General Marshall said that a year ago the United States would have been in a "somewhat helpless plight" if control of the Atlantic had passed to the enemy.

Admiral Stark expressed the opinion that transfer of more destroyers to Britain on the scale suggested by Mr Wendell Willkie was inadvisable at the moment, but the Government's hands should not be tied in this connection.

He said: "It is impossible to foresee what we may want to do tomorrow or the next day, under the present world conditions. Certain emergency conditions might arise under which we might want to make certain transfers of material."

## DODECANESE IS OCCUPIED

New British Air Base  
Special to the "Telegraph"

The Italian island of Castel Rosso (Castel Oritzo), which is the easternmost island of the Dodecanese group, has been captured and occupied by British naval and military forces.

## Burma Rd. Withstands The Bombs

Full Ferry Service

BY "REUTERS" SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

**LASHIO, BURMA, Feb. 26.—Air attack can never seriously impede the steady flow of traffic along the Burma Road, is the conclusion I reached to-day after a ten-day trip along the road in a convoy of ten lorries.**

The road has been damaged by Japanese bombs but the ferry service is now carrying 100 fully loaded trucks each way daily and when more ferries and connecting roads are completed, as many trucks as the road can carry will be transported across the river by these means.

The existing ferry consists of a few planks strapped on to empty petrol drums and it is pulled across the river by a stationary lorry. The ferry works during the night and is dismantled during the day so there is no danger from Japanese air attacks. Even if this simple ferry were damaged another could speedily be prepared.

**Frequent Dislocation**

The Burma Road is subject to frequent dislocation by landslide and flood but Chinese organisation of permanent gangs of coolies along the road is so effective that traffic has not been interrupted for more than 24 hours at a time during the past twelve months and that includes the rainy season.

After seeing these natural hazards I find it hard to believe that aerial bombardment could offer an equal menace to the steady traffic flow.

When the road was first re-opened about 40 trucks left Burma daily for China carrying 100 tons of cargo each. The Japanese barred the road by the middle of January 1940 trucks went through daily carrying 100 tons. Completion of petrol trucks shortly will enable more cargo to be carried.

## War Supply

Eastern Group Council Functions Defined

**NEW DELHI, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—At question time in the Assembly to-day, a Government spokesman said that the newly-appointed Eastern Group Supply Council, formed as the result of the Eastern Group Conference, would, broadly speaking, receive demands for supplies from overseas forces and the governments of the Eastern Group countries, and arrange to have them met, if possible, within the Eastern Group.**

The Council would work through the governments of the various countries concerned. Its decisions were not mandatory to the Raj nor would they be placed before the Assembly for discussion in case they were accepted by the Raj.

## S. Kwangtung Landing Repulsed By Chinese

**SZEWUI, Feb. 26 (Central News).—Several hundred Japanese in rubber boats this morning approached Chekkai on the southern Kwangtung coast, southeast of Toishan, and directed heavy machine-gun fire ashore in an attempt to cover their landing. Chinese troops entrenched on the coast repulsed them with heavy fire.**

In the afternoon the Japanese brought their planes into action. Covered by aerial bombardment they effected a landing.

But before they could establish a firm foothold, the Chinese counter-attacked with concentrated fire killing and wounding a large number of them. The Japanese landed their boats and retired to Sheungchuen Island off the southern Kwangtung coast.

**Railway Disrupted**

**CHUNGKING, Feb. 27 (Central News).—Traffic on the Shanghai-**

Hongchow Railway has been disrupted following the destruction by Chinese troops on Tuesday of the track at Chihshinkiao near Kashiung, 61 miles south-west of Shanghai.

**Counter-Attack At Tamshui**  
**WAIYEUNG, Feb. 27 (Central News).—The Chinese counter-attack at Tamshui countries.**

Wongshai and Pomiao, two outer defence points, have both been recaptured, while the Japanese at Yeung-tongwai, another point in the neighbourhood, are isolated. The Chinese are now using Wongshai and Pomiao as bases for further assaults against Tamshui.

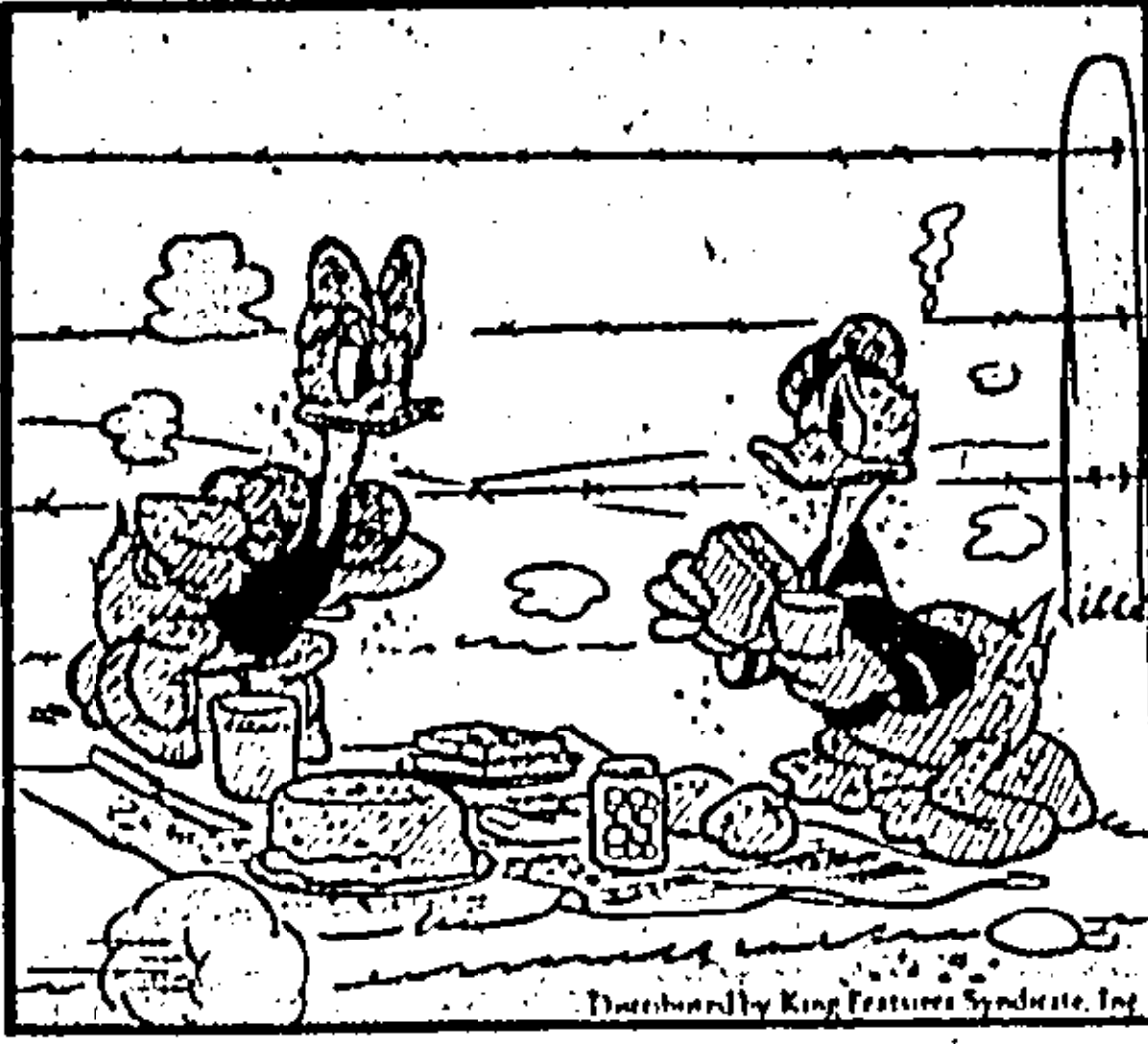
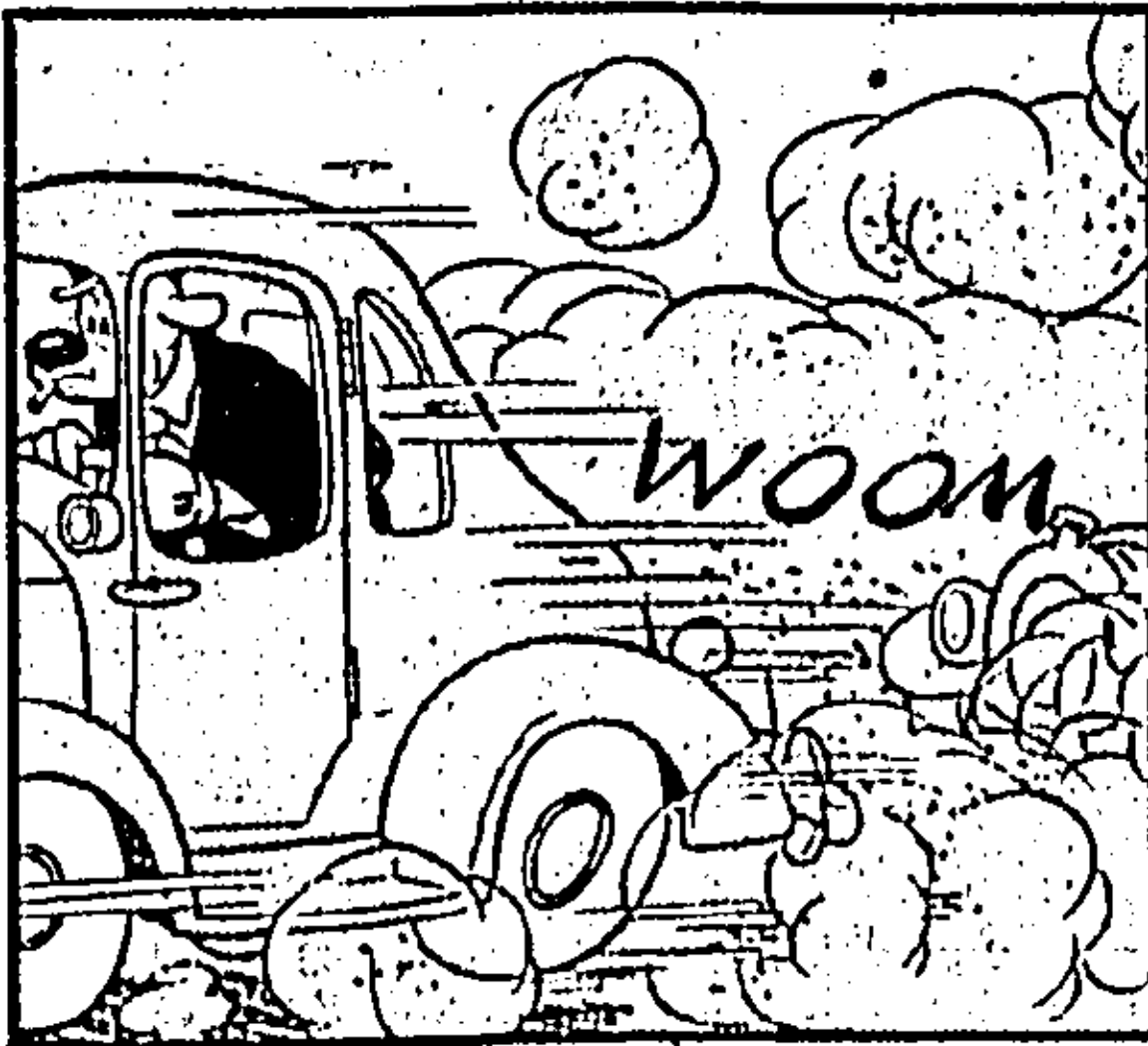
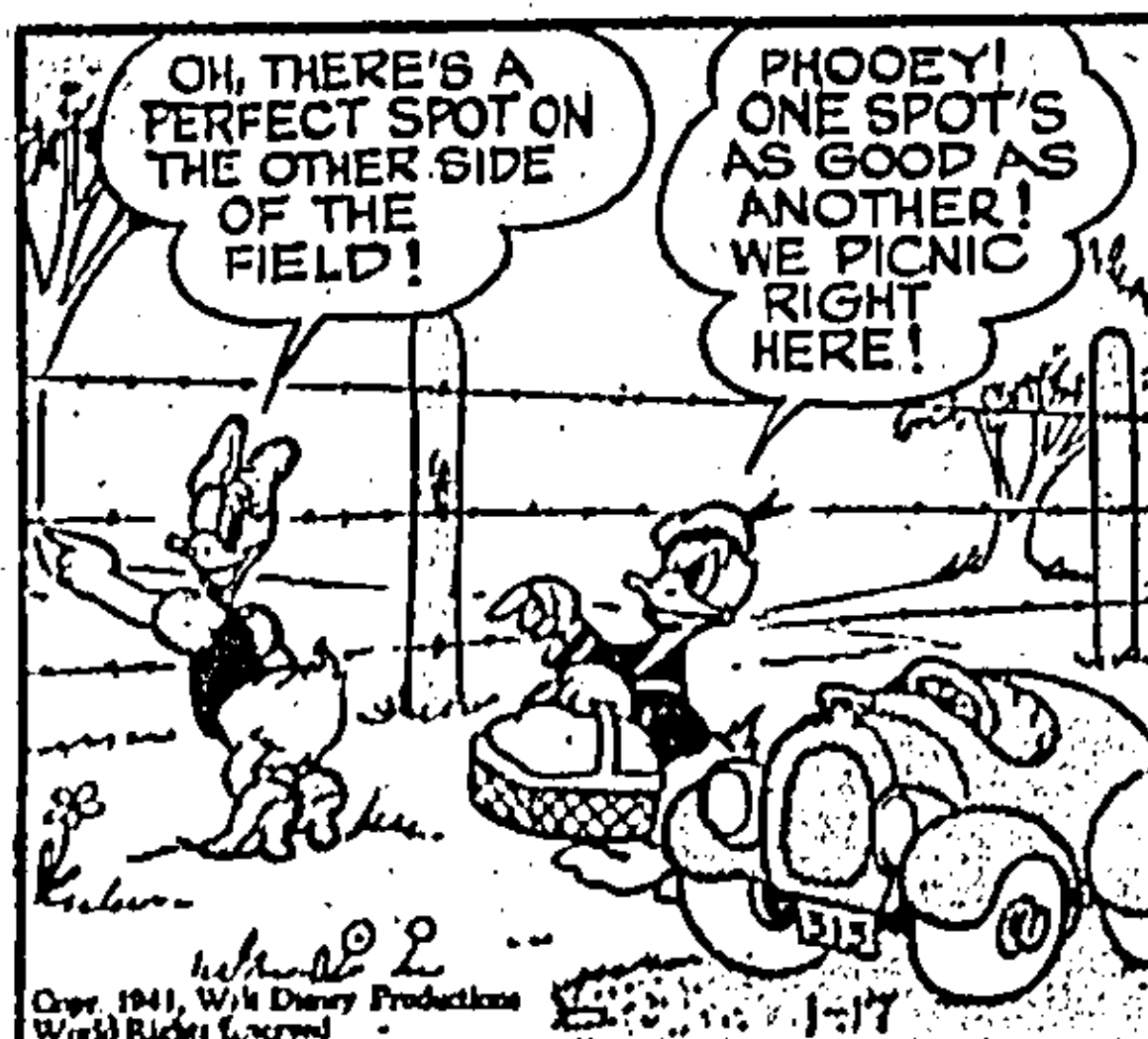






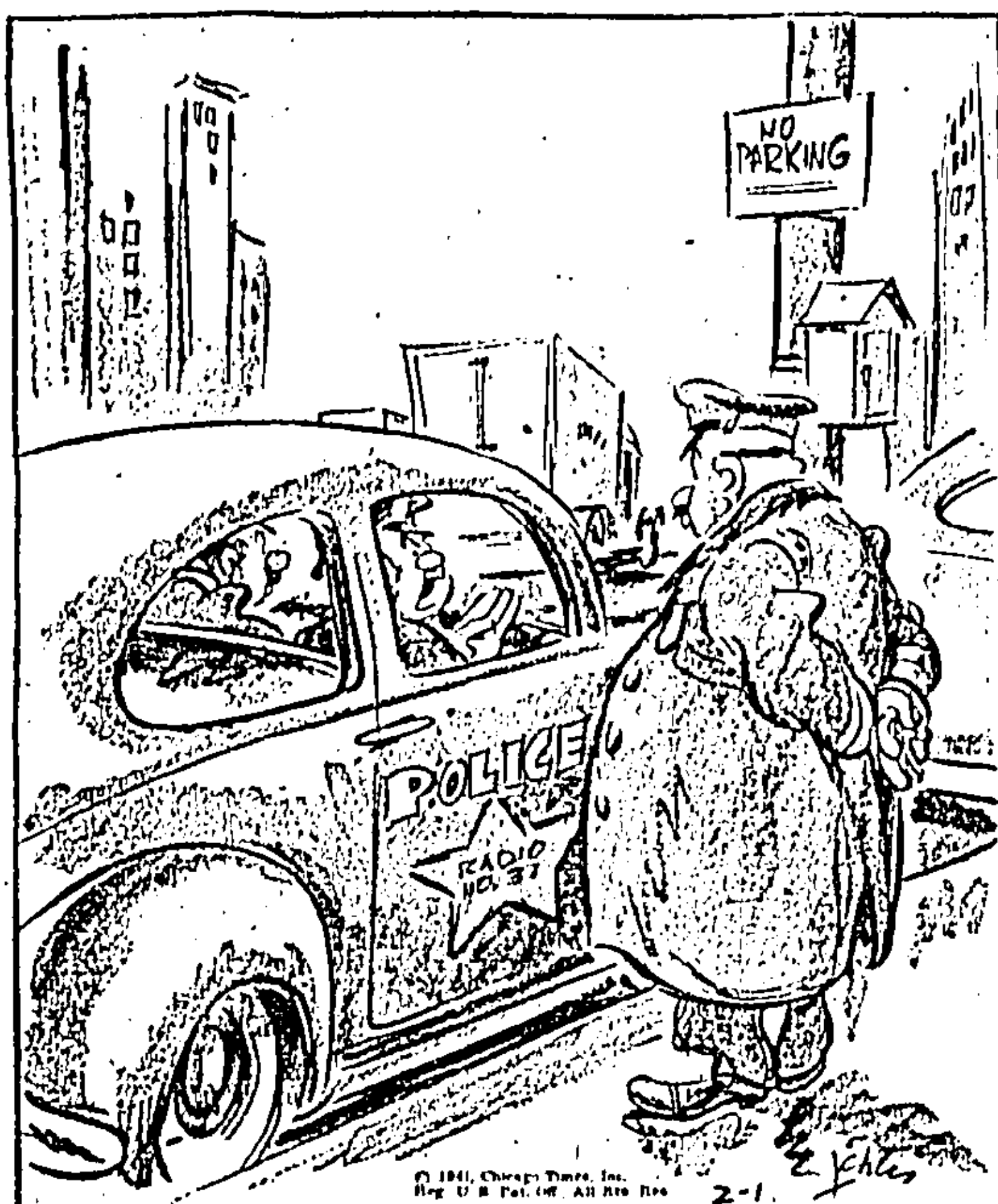
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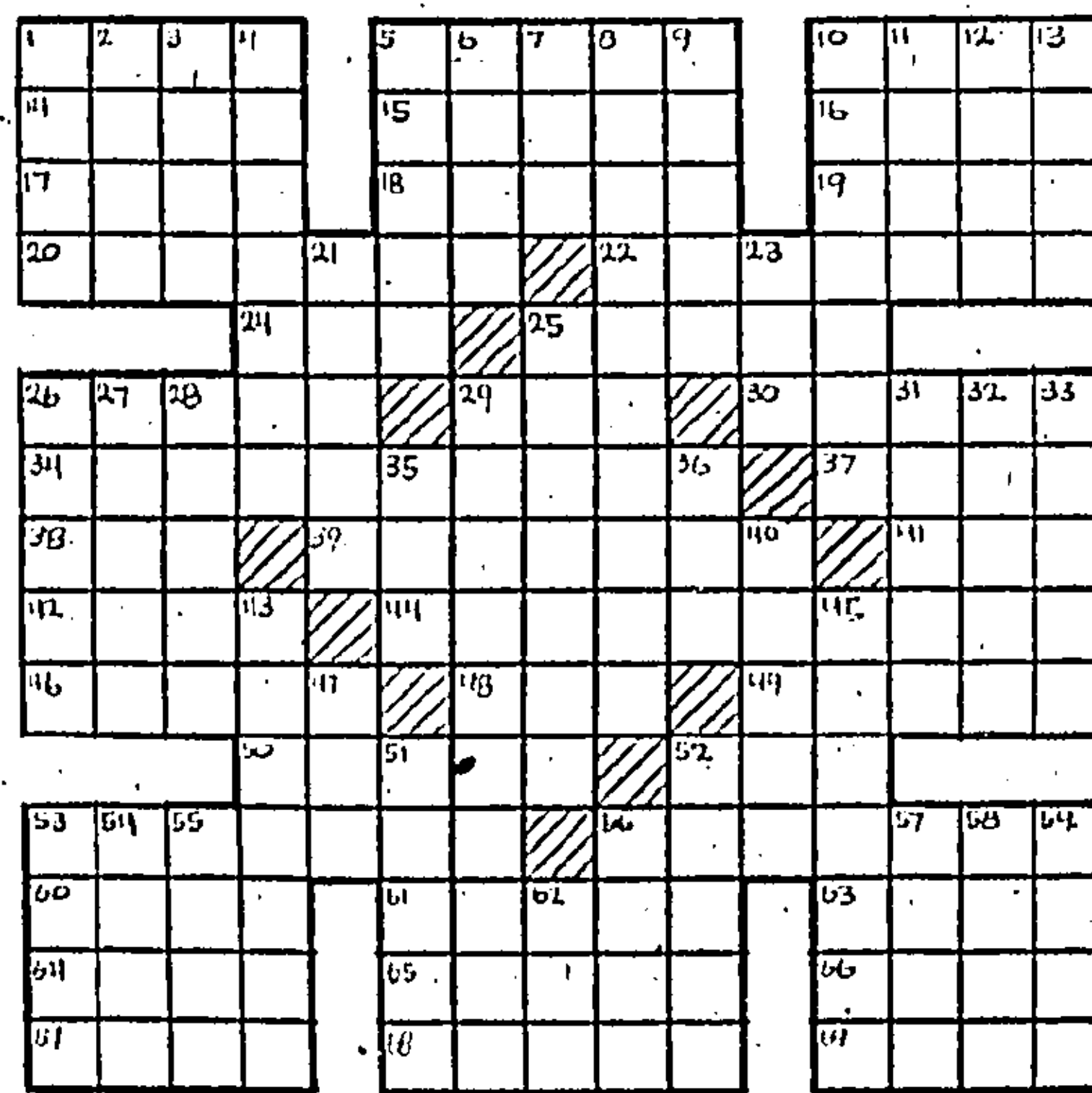
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### ACROSS

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## Story of a Night Raid Such People As These Live In England

By  
**Marjorie Nelson**

The night was dark except when the moon came out from the clouds and shed a silvery sheen on the tin helmets of the men standing on the mass of rubble. Sometimes the smashed bricks, broken mortar and splinters were caught in a pool of light.

The men were bent almost double to their tasks. They were picking up the broken bits of what had once been a house, dropping them into baskets. They were working with their hands. You can't use picks and shovels when there are people, trapped underneath. Occasionally they used tiny saws that looked as if they had come out of a toy shop. With them they would saw through a piece of joist or a beam. Every now and then a man would straighten up, pick up a basket and carry it away, bringing it back empty.

The raiders droned overhead, and now the searchlights had a misty quality, as they swept the sky. The guns barked and rumbled. The shells, as they burst in the sky, made new stars to replace the ones the clouds hid. The "plonk" of the shrapnel on the roofs and pavements sounded as if it were coming down lightly, and did not carry death in its ragged, pointed fingers.

Suddenly there was the screech of bombs flying through the air. The little crowd around the pile of rubble flung themselves on their faces—all but the men at the top. They did not raise their bent backs. The bombs screamed by. As thunderous explosion followed thunderous explosion, those on the rubble heap shook in a world where nothing was still, and their heads were filled with the roar of noise that filled the air.

The raiders passed. All round the mound, the deeper shadows become human beings again as they slowly pulled themselves to their feet. The men at the top were still carefully picking up their scraps of building and dropping them into baskets.

The ambulance girls leaned

against the side of their ambulance, hands out and bleeding with trying to help. They were obviously tired. The R.A.F. men helped to empty the baskets.

The raiders droned overhead. The bombs screamed down. Farther away now.

So hours passed. Few words were spoken. It was as though words had no place in this world of screaming bombs, whistling shrapnel and rumbling guns. The throb of engines of the raiders added their sound to that universe of noise.

The raiders passed. A mobile canteen drove up. Two drawn and white-faced women handed tea to the working men.

The raiders droned overhead. The guns barked. Bombs again.

An Air Raid Warden loomed up out of the darkness. "How many?" he asked. "Three," came briefly from under a tin hat.

The raiders passed. The minutes dragged on. The baskets made their interminable journeys back and forth. Suddenly one could see—it was a shaft they were digging. Now it seemed big enough for a man to go down. The men stopped work. One man climbed slowly down, carefully pulling his body this way and that to avoid lodging the surrounding debris and to avoid the ragged ends of joints and beams. Then he was at the bottom in the rubble.

He put his mouth against a crack. His voice came strangely up the shaft. "Are you there, mate?" We all stood at the top listening. We saw him put his ear to the crack. He climbed awkwardly to the top again. We waited. "I can hear them faintly," he said. Without a word they returned to work.

A typical raid aftermath, as described in the story.



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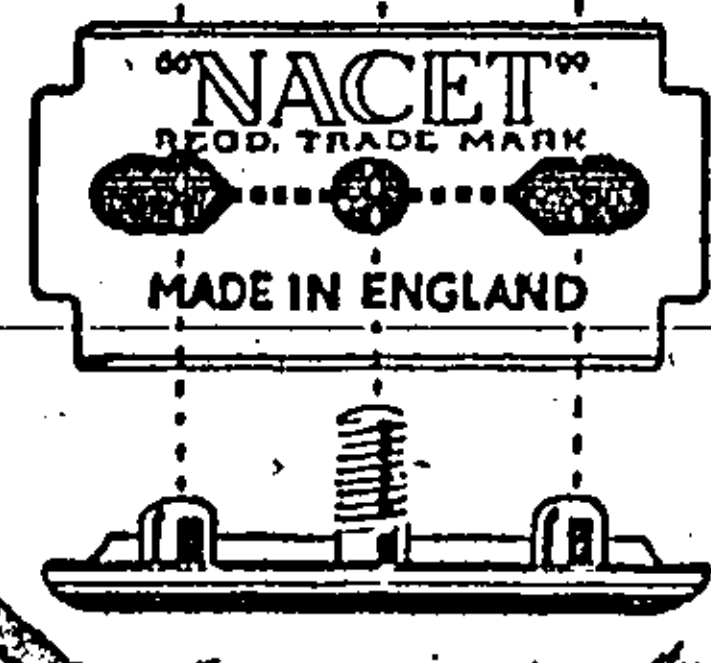
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## Far East Finances And Economics In Review

HON. Mr. J. J. Paterson delivered a statesmanlike review of the financial and economic situation in the Far East at the annual meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation yesterday. It placed problems and exaggerated hopes and fears in their proper perspective. There was no attempt to offer a dogmatic forecast for the future, but Mr. Paterson did find room for an exhortation which, if heeded, will make more for the future desirable, than any wishful thinking.

Re-emphasis was given to the important factor that the stability and prosperity of the Orient was dependent as much on political as economic issues, and that China's role was a dominating influence; hence it is just as important for Chungking to put her house in order as it is to have a clarification of the commercial and financial situation in the occupied areas. Mr. Paterson's references to Japan and the influence she is wielding in the many commercially important parts of China were oblique, but telling; it was easy to trace the cause for his concern over the servicing of foreign loans by the Nanking regime, the obscure export position in Shanghai due to monopolies, controls and other extraneous influences, and the creation of the new Central Reserve Bank with its threat to the free market of Shanghai.

The prosperity of Hongkong is integrally bound up with the conditions pertaining to its near neighbour, and while it is true that from a trade point of view the Colony has benefitted to some extent from the misfortunes of China, the continuance or spreading of the strife must inevitably bring its repercussions. This was clearly recognised in Mr. Paterson's review which sounded, by inference rather than by direct phrase, a warning for care and economy in the future. The European

# Defence of the Netherlands East Indies

By William Henry Chamberlin.

The Netherlands East Indies has been energetically pressing forward a programme of emergency preparedness, military and economic, since the conquest of the Low Countries by Germany, and since Japan's avowed alliance with the Axis powers has visibly increased the danger of foreign aggression against this vast archipelago, with its 67,000,000 inhabitants and its rich stores of oil, rubber, tin, sugar and many other valuable foodstuffs and raw materials.

## Extended Powers

The Governor-General, Dr. Tjarda van Starkenborgh Stachouwer, has been given extended powers. The colony has been declared in a state of martial law. Allegiance to the exiled Netherlands Government in London was reaffirmed. German nationals in the islands were interned—a measure which has been maintained despite reprisals against prominent Netherlands citizens in the Netherlands—and German ships in East Indian harbour were seized.

Aeroplanes are not easy to obtain in this age of worldwide arming for national preparedness; but the Netherlands are credibly reported to have brought the strength of their air force in the East Indies up to 500 planes. A number of these flying boats, which are expected to co-operate with submarines and torpedo-boats in opposing any attempt at a hostile landing.

## Air Raid Shelters

Java, one of the most thickly settled regions in the world, has been provided with a considerable number of air raid shelters, despite the difficulties offered by land that is only a little above sea level.

There are three military organisations in the Netherlands.

war and its effects are just beginning to catch up with Hongkong, which means there may be lean days ahead. The Colony's financial and commercial resilience is such, however, that given fair opportunity, it will weather the storm; it has done so before; it will do so again. Thus, as the Bank speech pointed out, both pessimists and optimists will have their day, and both will be right.

lands Indies. First is the colonial army, which, before the beginning of the European war, numbered between 35,000 and 40,000, obliged to maintain mostly native troops under lines of sea communication and the technical services. This army has probably been increased, although figures are kept secret.

Auxiliary military organisations, with exclusively Dutch membership, are the militia, numbering about 15,000 men, in which service is compulsory for younger men, and the landsturm, enrolling between 17,000 and 18,000 men of the older classes, regarded as fit for home defence tasks.

The navy is, of course, the first line of defence for this island colonial empire. It includes three cruisers, nine destroyers, fourteen large submarines and a number of minelayers, minesweepers and auxiliary coast defensive vessels.

## Danger From Attack

Expert opinion is divided on the question whether the Netherlands East Indies could ward off a Japanese like the present position of attack. The total coastline being dependent for much of its mileage of the archipelago is their oil on the enormous and the available States. Whether the Dutch forces are scarcely sufficient to prevent the Japanese from landing somewhere, would depend largely on the

speed and success of the attack.

Japan's first effort to tap the natural wealth of the Netherlands East Indies, after the German occupation of the Netherlands and the fall of France, was peaceful rather than warlike. A delegation, headed by Ichizo Kobayashi, Minister of Commerce, went to Batavia and negotiated for larger purchases of oil, tin, rubber and other strategic raw materials.

Mr Kobayashi went away with only part of what he asked for: an agreement to sell 1,800,000 tons of oil products, not to include high-octane aviation gasoline or aviation crude oil. The predominantly British-owned Royal Dutch Shell group and the American Standard-oil company, which is based on Manila, Vacuum interests control 88 per cent. of the oil output of the islands, and these companies are not anxious to sell oil to Japan.

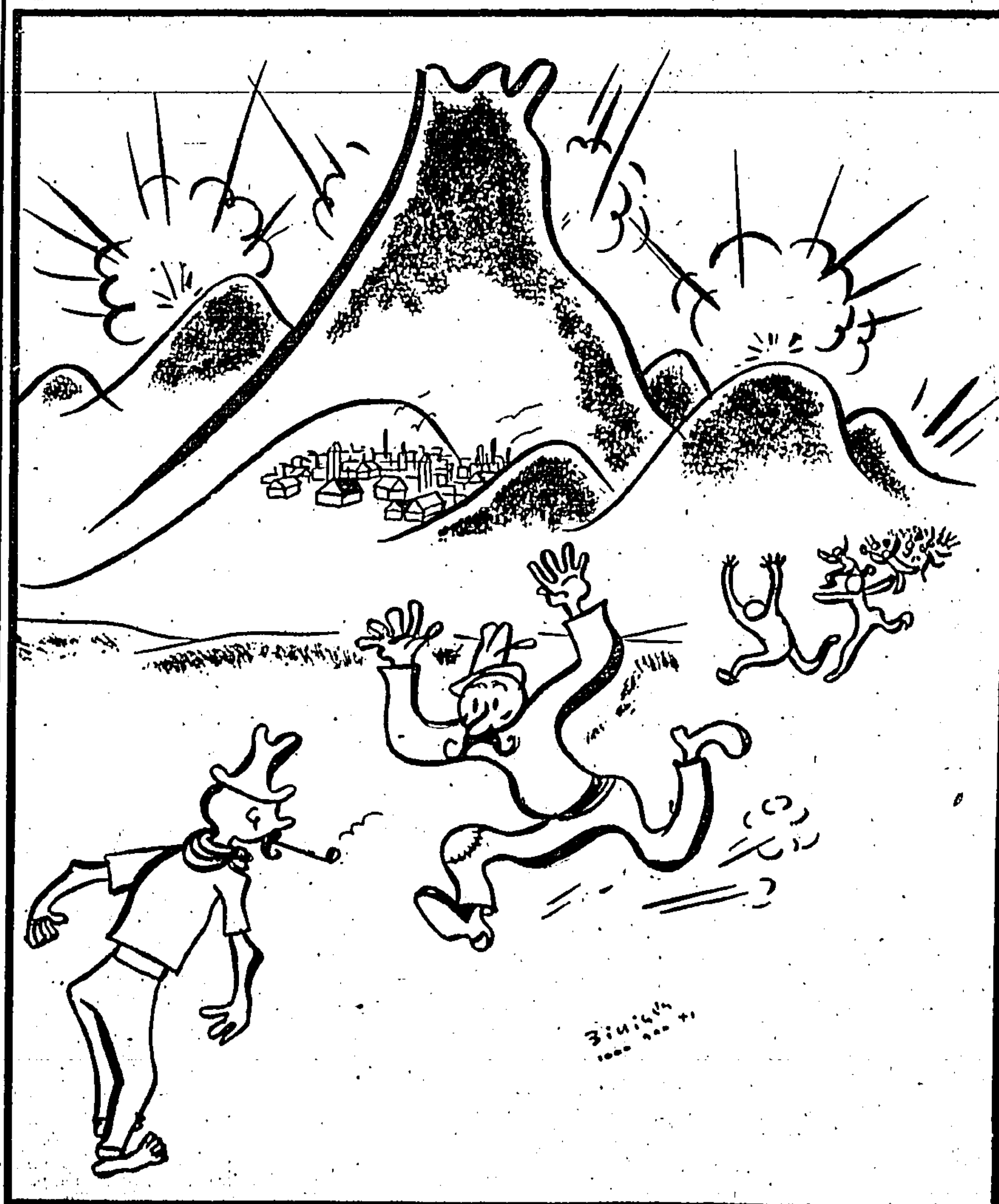
## New Mission

Now a new mission, headed by Kenkichi Yoshizawa, veteran Japanese diplomat and former Minister to China, has arrived in the Netherlands East Indies. The Dutch have asserted their intention to do nothing to aid the Axis powers.

Whether Mr Yoshizawa will keep the conversations within diplomatic bounds or will lead to an open show-down will become clear within the next few weeks.

## THE INFERNO

By BILLIKEN



Giovanni: What's happened? Is Vesuvius in eruption again?  
Pietro: Worse! It's the Royal Air Force!



## COTTON CONTROL IN BRITAIN

Service Needs Ensured

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—A warning of coming sacrifices as the result of the reduction by half of raw cotton imports this season was contained in a statement by the cotton controller, Sir Percy Ashley, in Manchester. Sir Percy said: "Fortunately, the stocks have been maintained but a substantial cut in the use of cotton is unavoidable. The main concern now is to ensure that supplies are closely adjusted to the requirements the industry is called on to meet in the demands of the services, other essential demands and the export trade."

**Distribution of Stock**  
The distribution of limited supplies of raw cotton to the spinning mills and the allocation of supplies for government requirements, export trade and other purposes are the chief problems now facing the industry, added Sir Percy.

Discussion is already taking place with trade representatives. An early decision is expected.

## Support For War Fund

A total of \$1,500,000 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd., with the following donations:  
"Hole in One" \$50  
Police Recreation Club (seventh donation) 250  
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Emergency Refugee Council; Lepers' Fund; Food Kitchen Appeal; Fund Relief Fund for British Prisoners of War; St Vincent de Paul; S.P.C.A.; Salvation Army.

## Swedish Budget

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—The Swedish Parliament has adopted a supplementary budget amounting to 93 million kroner for defence.

It provides for the purchase of artillery and aircraft, the reconstruction of certain warships and the building of barracks and other needs.

## Gen. De Gaulle Greets French Canadians

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Despite its sufferings, the French Empire will again take up arms, declared General de Gaulle, leader of the Free French Movement, to 100 French Canadian officers whose guest at dinner he was to-day.

The defeat of last year was due to bad preparation in the face of new methods of warfare and was no disgrace; that France did not accept defeat was shown by French troops, ships and planes continuing the fight.

A French-Canadian Brigadier said that the ancestors of the officers present went to Canada centuries ago and had never forgotten La Belle France. "We will remain united till victory."

## Exchange At A Glance

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T.T. Saigon	104
T.T. France	102
T.T. Switzerland	102
T.T. Australia	1/6%
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4 m/s L/C London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s D/P London	1/3 1/4
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	24 3/4
4 m/s France	84 1/4
30 d/s India	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	4.03 1/4

## Taranto Raid Damage Fully Confirmed

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—The damage done to the Italian Fleet by the British Fleet Air Arm at Taranto as announced by the Admiralty has been fully confirmed by subsequent reports. Mr. A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, revealed when questioned on the subject in the House of Commons to-day.

Mr. Alexander disclosed that one battleship of the Cavour class had apparently been abandoned as a total loss. Another vessel of this class and a Victoria class battleship were badly damaged and were still out of action.

There was no further information regarding the two cruisers which were shown by aerial photograph to be listing to starboard and surrounded by oil fuel, or the two big auxiliary ships lying with their sterns under way.

## Kunming Raided

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
INDO-CHINA BASE, Feb. 27 (Dome).—Formations of Japanese naval aircraft on Wednesday afternoon carried out air attacks on Kunming, capital of Yunnan Province, inflicting heavy damage upon various military objectives, announces the Japanese South China Fleet Command.

The Japanese raiders made concentrated attacks on Chinese warehouses in the western section of the Yunnan capital and set them on fire, while other units bombed military establishments in the suburbs of the city.

Despite intensive enemy anti-aircraft fire, all Japanese planes safely returned, the announcement claimed.

## Graziani Latest

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
VICHY, Feb. 26 (UP).—An unconfirmed report says that the personal baggage of Marshal Rodolfo Graziani has arrived at Tunis from Tripoli.

## German Report

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"  
BERLIN, Feb. 26 (UP).—The official news agency announced to-day that German bombers and dive bombers, escorted by German and Italian fighters, this afternoon bombed the Luca aerodrome at Malta, setting fire immediately to ten British planes which were on the ground.

SINGAPORE, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—A total of \$5,000,000 (Straits) was to-day reached by the public subscription Straits Settlements War Fund for the purchase of bombers for the R.A.F.

## Anglo-Spanish Accord On Status of Tangier

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—The Spanish Government has given an assurance that there will be no fortification of the Tangier Zone.

This declaration was made in the House of Commons to-day by Mr R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, when answering questions on the Tangier position.

The British Ambassador in Madrid, Mr Butler continued, had now concluded discussions with the Spanish Government. The arrangements reached safeguarded the existing personal rights of British subjects in Tangier and guaranteed the continued functioning of existing British institutions and of the British press.

British officials of the International Administration who had been displaced would be fully and generously compensated for their loss of office.

A special economic and financial regime would be applied in Tangier generally, similar to that which existed at present.

**No Fortification**  
Declaring that the Spanish Government had given an assurance that there would be no fortification of the zone, Mr Butler said it was also agreed that it at any time the Mixed Tribunal should cease to function, the Consular Court would be re-established and fully recognised.

By these arrangements, Mr Butler added, the present economic and legal rights of British subjects in Tangier should be adequately safeguarded pending a final settlement.

**Special Interests**  
The British Government had recognised the special interest of the Spanish Government in the Tangier Zone and also that it was not possible at the moment for the signatories of the relevant international instruments to enter into negotiation.

Thus the British Government maintained their protest against the original action of the Spanish Government and had reserved their rights under the treaties in force.

The Spanish Government had similarly reserved their position.

## RUMANIAN TRADE TREATY

—With Soviet  
LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Negotiations for a commercial treaty between Russia and Rumania, proceeding during the past year, ended to-day with the signing of a trade and shipping agreement and an agreement concerning goods and payments, according to a Moscow telegram to the official German news agency.

Exchange of goods to the value of \$8,000,000 is foreseen in the first treaty.

Rumania will deliver chiefly sulphur and mineral oils in exchange for cotton and manganese.

## Turkish Envoy In Chungking

Visiting Shanghai Briefly  
CHUNGKING, Feb. 26 (Central News).—Since his arrival here on February 19, Mr Emin Ali Spahibasi, Turkish Minister to China, called on Dr. H. H. Kung, Vice-President of the Executive Yuan, and Minister of Finance, Dr. Wang Chung-hui, Minister of Foreign Affairs, General Pai Chung-hsi, Vice-Chief of General Staff, Mr Chang Kia-ngau, Minister of Communications, and Dr. Wong Wen-hao, Minister of Economic Affairs. He will also see Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

The Turkish envoy will take a trip to Shanghai but will return to Chungking shortly.

## TEA QUOTA DOWN

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—The International Tea Committee has reduced the quota by 2 1/2 per cent, to 90 per cent, for the next control year ending March 31, 1942.

## Roosevelt Called Third Best Speaker

President Roosevelt is rated as the third best American public speaker in the past century. Abraham Lincoln ranked fourth on a list prepared by Prof. K. G. Hance, of the University of Michigan, an authority on oratory and one of the speakers at the recent convention in Washington of the National Association of Teachers of Speech.

Dr Hance gave top honours to Henry Ward Beecher, writer, orator and clergyman, whom he called the most effective speaker of the century. He cited the five speeches Dr Beecher made in England in 1863 which, he said, were responsible for turning British sympathy away from the Confederacy.

Second place went to William Jennings Bryan, as the "unknown" who captured the Democratic Presidential nomination in 1896 with his now celebrated "Cross of Gold" address.

## WEATHER IMPEDES FIGHTING

On Albanian Front

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Snowstorms and heavy rains still continue to impede operations on a wide scale in Albania, according to dispatches from the front quoted by the Athens radio.

The Greeks, however, maintain the initiative in minor engagements and patrol activity, and some prisoners belonging to Alpine units have been captured.

The Italians have taken no initiative either on land or sea.

British and Greek aircraft have been very active in the battle zone.

**Italians Stimulated**  
It is stated that Italian officers captured confirm that the Blackshirts advanced infantry in order to prevent their retreating.

The Athens radio also stated that in the order of the day of the General in command of the Italian Eleventh Army contained the following: "We must attack and not merely counter-attack."

## Artillery Taken

ATHENS, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Material captured from the Italians to date includes 130 field guns, over 100 heavy guns, 1,500 mortars, a very large quantity of cartridges and hand grenades.

This is announced by the official news agency, which adds that much of this material is now being used against the Italians.

It has already been announced that Italian prisoners number over 20,000.

## Australia's Big War Industries

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—The devastation in Britain was much less than the world was led to believe, said Mr R. G. Menzies, the Australian Premier, speaking in London to-day.

The Germans would never win the war by knocking over houses, he added. They could not win till they had knocked over the spirit of the British people.

The Empire was merely at the beginning of the task facing it but Mr Menzies expressed satisfaction at the Australian war effort. Over 400,000 people were producing munitions and there would be nearly 600,000 before the end of the year.

**Machine Tools**  
Seventy-five firms were making machine tools compared with five at the outbreak of war. Aircraft production was so successful that Australia proposed to export elementary training machines to other Dominions by the middle of the year. Australia was also producing other types.

The achievements in the next twelve months would be three times that of the past year. Australia's contribution to victory would be at its peak when most needed.

## Graziani Now A Prisoner

Bald Impeachment Of Mussolini

London, Feb. 26.

Marshal Graziani is a prisoner in Rome, according to the Daily Telegraph's Lisbon correspondent, who states that the news came from a diplomatic source in Rome. Since January he has been under house arrest with his presence in the capital a close secret.

After the fall of Bardia on January 5 Graziani flew to Rome to attend a meeting of the Supreme War Council, presided over by Il Duce. In a long, dramatic speech he disclaimed responsibility for the Italian defeats up to that time and foretold the course of the campaign almost exactly as it came to pass.

Graziani closed his self-defence by turning to Il Duce and formally resigning from the Fascist Party. Henceforth, he said, he could serve his country only as a professional soldier.

Mussolini's reply was to order Graziani to remain in Rome. The Marshal then on the council table the actual orders Mussolini had sent him for the conduct of the African campaign. These showed that it was the Duce himself who planned the invasion of Egypt.

**Duce Seeks Advice**  
Graziani then read copies of his replies in which he opposed in strongest terms the entire strategy conceived by Mussolini. He pointed out that the retreating British forces had completely destroyed all means of supply between Sidi Barrani and Mersa Matruh and that water supplies had particularly suffered. Under such conditions he said, he could not accept responsibility for provisioning an invading army, nor could he assure petrol from the distant Libyan bases for mechanised units. Finally, he stressed the grave risk of communications being cut and the army encircled.

Il Duce was confronted at the Council with his replies to these dispatches. In it he had swept aside all Graziani's arguments and commanded him to advance.

The Marshal declared that he had never modified his opposition to this strategy and had only continued in command at Il Duce's order.—Reuter.

## H. K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

BANKS	
H.K. Banks \$ x.d.	1,360 s.
H.K. Banks £ x.d.	73 a.
H.K. Banks (H.K.) £ x.d.	70 a.
Chartered £	77 1/2 n.
Mercantile, A. & B. £	23 n.
Mercantile, C. £	11 1/2 n.
East Asia £	76 b.
INSURANCES	
Cantons \$	215 b.
Union \$	412 b.
China Underwriters \$	1 n.
H.K. Fire \$	170 b.
SHIPPING	
Douglas \$	135 n.
Steamboats \$	9 n.
Indo-Chinas P. \$	100 n.
Indo-Chinas D. \$	60 n.
Shell (Bearers) s/-	41/10 1/2 n.
Waterboms \$	7 n.
DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves \$	86 s.
Docks (old) \$	17.00 n.
Docks (new) \$	17 n.
Providents \$	5 1/2 b. & sa.
Shai Dockyards \$	28 1/2 n.
MINING	
Kallan s/-	17/- n.
Raubs \$	8 n.
H.K. Mines \$	1 1/4 cts. n.
LANDS	
Hotel \$	3.60 s.
Lands \$ x.d.	32 1/4 n.
Lands 4% Debentures	97 1/2 b.
Shai Lands Sh. \$	12.20 n.
Humphreys \$	7.05 s.
H.K. Realities \$	3.40 s.
Chinese Estates \$ x.d.	88 n.
UTILITIES	
Trams \$ x.d.	10 1/2 s.
Peaks Trams (old) \$	7 1/2 n.
Peaks Trams (new) \$	3 1/2 n.
Star Ferries \$	57 n.
Y. Ferries \$	24 1/2 n.
China Lights (old)	6.15 sa.
China Lights (new)	1.07 1/2 n.
H.K. Electrics (old) \$	41 1/2 sa.
H.K. Electrics (new) \$	41.40 sa.
Sandakan Lights \$	12 n.
Telephones (old) \$	24 sa.
Telephones (new) \$	9.00 n.
INDUSTRIALS	
Cald. Macg. (Ord.) Sh. \$	30 n.
Cald. Macg. (Pref.) Sh. \$	25 n.
Canton Ices \$	1 n.
Cements \$	17 1/2 n.
H.K. Ropes \$	8 1/2 n.
STORES, &c.	
Dairy Farms \$	19.20 n.
Watsons \$	10 1/2 sa.
Fane Crawford \$	7 1/2 n.
Sinceres \$	2.15 n.
Wing On (H.K.) \$	39 n.
Powell Ltd. \$	1.00 n.
COTTON MILLS	
Ewo Sh. \$	42 1/4 n.
Shai Cotton Sh. \$	200 n.
MISC.	
H.K. Govt 4% 1934	97 n.
H.K. Govt 3 1/2% 1934	95 n.
H.K. Govt 3 1/2% 1940	94 n.
Ch Govt 5% 1925 GSEds	42 n.
H.K. Entertainments \$	7 n.
Constructions (old) \$	1.00 n.
Constructions (new) \$	1 n.
Vibro Piling \$	7.70 n.
Marsmans Inv. (Lon.) s/-	6/3 n.
Marsmans Inv. (H.K.) s/-	2/6 n.

## Australian Shipping

SYDNEY, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Senator A.P. McBride, the Australian Minister of Supply, announced to-day that the Federal Government will begin immediately on the building of merchant ships.



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# "Pilgrim's" Hockey Notes Combination Among Forwards

## Methods Of Passing To Spread-Eagle Defence Speed And Efficiency

BROADLY SPEAKING, the wing forwards (with their inners) should work in pairs until nearing their opponents' "25", thus giving the centre-forward plenty of room. The latter will instinctively edge over towards the wing that has the ball, and at the "25" or thereabouts, the wing-men should grasp an early opportunity of passing fairly hard or with an accurate flick to the centre.

The three inners, by then, will have got into a more central position in order to harass the defence a *trois*. The centre-half should also be in attendance.

The flick, like most other passes to forwards, should be made a yard wide of the man to whom the pass is going to allow for his taking the ball in his stride. In this, the defence becomes more exhausted than by square or direct passes which allow time for opponents to discover their positions as a whole.

The object of every player when the ball comes along is to get it under immediate control, which normally means stopping it almost dead. Forwards, particularly when passing among themselves, should learn to trap the ball and take it on with them all in one movement. When receiving a pass from behind, however, it is nearly always best for the forward to stop it dead, even at the expense of speed, for the ball is only half stopped, an opposing half or back may take possession.

### SPORTS ADVT.

#### THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1941

Postponed to:— Monday, 24th February  
Third Day — Tuesday, 25th February  
Fourth Day — Saturday, 1st March  
Fifth Day — Sunday, 2nd March  
On Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th February, the first race will be run at 11.00 a.m., and the first race will be run at 11.30 a.m. On Saturday, 1st March, the first race will be run at 1.30 p.m., and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.  
The fifth interval will be after the fifth race on the third and fourth days.

#### MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURES

Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.  
NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27704) WILL CLOSE AT 9.45 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 11.45 a.m. ON THE FIFTH DAY.  
A limited number of tickets will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box, (Tel. 21020).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

#### PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.  
Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tie Men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Tickets will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

#### SERVANTS' PASSES

Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,

O. D. BROWN,  
Secretary,  
Hongkong, 19th February, 1941.

### Colony Tennis Entries

Entries for the Colony's Open Lawn Tennis Championships, which will this year be held in aid of the S. C. M. Post Bomber Fund after deducting expenses, will close on Saturday, March 1, at 6 p.m.

Halves usually have to take the ball coming to them while they are running, since forwards are inevitably harassing them from behind. This is undoubtedly the most difficult way of taking the ball on any ground, except one unusually smooth, and if there is no forward in pursuit, a half, especially a wing half, should endeavour to steady himself before taking over.

#### First Timers

SOMETIMES it is possible, even advisable, to hit the ball without stopping it—taking a "first-timer" as it is called. This is always risky, but the advantage gained from the saving of time is sometimes worth the risk.

This particularly applies to a forward within the circle, for often, if he misses it he is no worse off than he would have been had he stopped it before shooting—because it is most doubtful if he would have sufficient time to complete the operation.

#### Soccer

### 12th Battery Easily Beat Medicals

In a third division soccer match at the Valley yesterday 12th Battery defeated Medical Corps 6-1. The losers were overhauled in the first half but after positional changes did much better and conceded only one goal.  
Early in the game Ronson opened the scoring for Gunners and shortly after Ronche added a second. The interval they were five goals in arrears. Brown, Ronche and Robertson added the goals.

In the second half Medicals, with both wingers as inside men, opened their scorers and although they had more of the play could not reduce the deficit.

### British Army Beat Interporters 3-1

LAST TUESDAY on the Club ground at King's Park, the British Army, fielding a weaker team than that which defeated the Club a fortnight ago, accounted for the Interporters by 3-1. Notable features of the game were the Army's fine attack and the weakness of the Colony's last line of defence.

The Army forwards, led by Hitchcock—who completed his "hat-trick"—played a grand game and led by one goal at the interval. Army re-commenced at a great pace in the second half and the Interport defence collapsed under the strain of continued pressure.

The two goals scored during this period were the product of orthodox movements. Shaw, at inside-left, was the brains of the attack, who made those splendid openings for Hitchcock to find his mark.

Army also forced a good many short corners, always a sign of a defence being hustled. The Army halves and backs, among whom Waldron and Anderson continually caught the eye, were generally able to prevent the Interporters' attack from progressing further than the half-way line.

#### Weaknesses

APART from the last fifteen minutes when Oxtorio was badly hurt and had to retire, which necessitated E. Fowler filling his place at inside-left, the Colony team was never in the picture. The inclusion of Fowler strengthened the attack immensely, and the forwards went near to scoring on several occasions.

## Random Jottings

### Opponents On View

OUR INTERPORT OP-  
PONENTS were on view against Recreio last Sunday, and, considering that they have played very little hockey this season, gave a very good display against one of the best teams in the local League.

Mr C. Braga, Secretary of the Macao Hockey Club, indicated that his boys had had a rough trip to Hongkong and though they took fully half an hour to settle down, he was pleased with their display.

Three youngsters, G. Silva, S. Ferreira and R. Angelo, were seen in action, and the first-named will probably be making his debut in the Interport game against Hongkong. He has the makings of a fine success-right. He is only 18 and possesses speed and good ball control, and all he needs is more experience. This he will acquire in due course.

Last Sunday's result might be encouraging to our Selectors, but they must remember that our visitors were without the services of their best player and, incidentally, the captain of the team, L. Costa, who hopes to recover from an illness in time for the big game. With his inclusion and F. Rosario—who is also at present on the sick-list—in their defence, Macao will take some beating on their home ground.

Summing up, I must admit that Macao is in the same predicament as ourselves. They have a strong defence but a weak attack. It is, therefore, up to the Selectors to strengthen the Colony attack.

OF the four Interport selections included in the Recreio team, A. Marques was the most outstanding, with W. A. Reed the second best. J. Gonsalves was his partner, because Marques was quick with his recovery and covered his partner well.  
Tony Alves was his usual self and kept a good check on the speedy F. Nolasco.

DUE to his good display last Sunday, B. Gosano was included as a leader for the Colony team against the British Army on Tuesday. He is fast, and being a footballer, always on the alert, but lacks that something which is essential to all forwards—stick-work.

E. L. "Doc" Gosano was unable to turn out for Recreio against Macao as he dislocated his shoulder last Sunday morning at softball. It is rather unfortunate that Recreio seem to be losing some of their best players when they are so near to winning the H.K.H.A. championship.

and went further behind when Roache scored again.  
R.A.M.C.—Foster; Entwistle; Smith; Collas; Gyles; Florence; Churchman; Ross; Webb; Beeson; Parker.  
R.A.—Westwood; Lane; Cook; Murray; Ronson; Richardson; Roache; Thackeray; Brown; Byers; Robertson.

## Macao Held to Draw By Club de Recreio

### Practically Interport XI

AT KING'S PARK last Sunday, Macao, fielding practically their Interport eleven, were held to a 2-2 draw by Club de Recreio—the latter being one of the two undefeated Clubs in the H.K.H.A. League.

Though it was a keen fast game, Macao, in the estimation of many, should have won, as the third goal scored by Albert Airoso seemed legitimate but was disallowed for sticks.

It commenced at a terrific pace. Recreio attacked at the start, and Macao defenders had difficulty in keeping them out. After 25 minutes of keen exchanges, however, Recreio took the lead through J. Fonseca, and this lead they held until just before half-time when P. Angelo broke through to equalise.

In the second half, young G. Silva was seen at inside right instead of F. Ramalho, and Macao did most of the attacking. The inside trio of Silva, Angelo and A. Airoso played well together, and from a breakaway, A. Airoso cleverly beat the home defence to put the visitors in the lead with a fast rising shot.

This lead, however, was short-lived, for at the other end, B. Gosano, receiving the ball on the run,

equalised with a grand shot that completely beat Almada.

#### Fine Defence

In the closing stages, the visiting Almada, in particular, as pivot, displayed fine anticipation and good stickwork. His brother, Albert, made a praise-worthy effort to give Macao victory when he actually scored, but the goal was disallowed.

Basto was the best back and Almada in goal gave a fine exhibition. During the last period, Recreio were penned in their own half, but their defence managed to hold out. It. Marques, at right back, played splendidly, getting good assistance from P. Yvanovich and W. A. Reed in the half line. B. Gosano and J. Fonseca were the pick of the forwards.

With the exception of the one major decision, the game was efficiently controlled by Mr K. Hussain and Cpl Hodge.

## Seven-a-side Rugger Tournery Nears Its End

### Police "A" Eliminated

SURPRISES in the four rugger matches of the Blarney Stone Seven-a-side Tournament yesterday were the elimination of the Police "A", last year's runners-up, and the defeat of the Bank by Tamar and S/S.

### Cambridge Beat Oxford At Hockey

LONDON, Jan.—Cambridge beat Oxford in a hockey match at Oxford by four goals to one.

Play at the beginning of the game was even, but Cambridge gradually gained the upper hand, and after 15 minutes C. E. Johnson scored with a brilliant shot.

Two minutes later a mistake by an Oxford back allowed T.C.L. Parry to score Cambridge's second goal, and although Oxford played up well, Cambridge had retained their lead of two goals at half-time.

In the second half Cambridge again had the better of the play, and further goals were scored by J. R. Bridger and Johnson, and as the result of a good run B. H. Sims scored their only goal.

### Sunday Shoot Arranged By Middlesex

Middlesex have arranged a shoot at Kewloon City on Sunday, under the auspices of the Hongkong Rifle Association. The events will be divided into three classes, rifle individual, rifle team, revolver.

The individual contest will be on ranges from 200 and 500 yards and will consist of a convertible sighting shot and 10 rounds to count. Prizes will be a Middlesex silver spoon to the highest aggregate in classes A, B, C and D, a Hongkong-Singapore Artillery silver spoon to the highest handicap aggregate in all four classes, and a silver spoon to each winner of a sealed envelope competition at 200 and 500 yards.

The team contest will be for teams of six from affiliated clubs, which may enter as many teams as they wish. Only one score will count. Entrance card is \$1. Small clubs may amalgamate to form a team but all team members must be nominated and cards initiated by the Secretary, Treasurer or the Assistant Secretary, before firing begins. The winning team will receive six Middlesex spoons.

The revolver contest will consist of six rounds in six seconds at 10 yards and six rounds in 15 seconds at 15 yards. A Middlesex spoon will be awarded to the winner with the highest net aggregate.

Shooting will start at 8.45 a.m. and the sale of tickets will cease at 9 a.m. Firing must be with service rifles as only but rights may be blackened and elbow-pads worn. The use of the wind gauge or sling is forbidden. No con-

tinued.

What we need is a fairly good all-round team capable of beating Macao and I ask the Selectors for the last time to "go to it".



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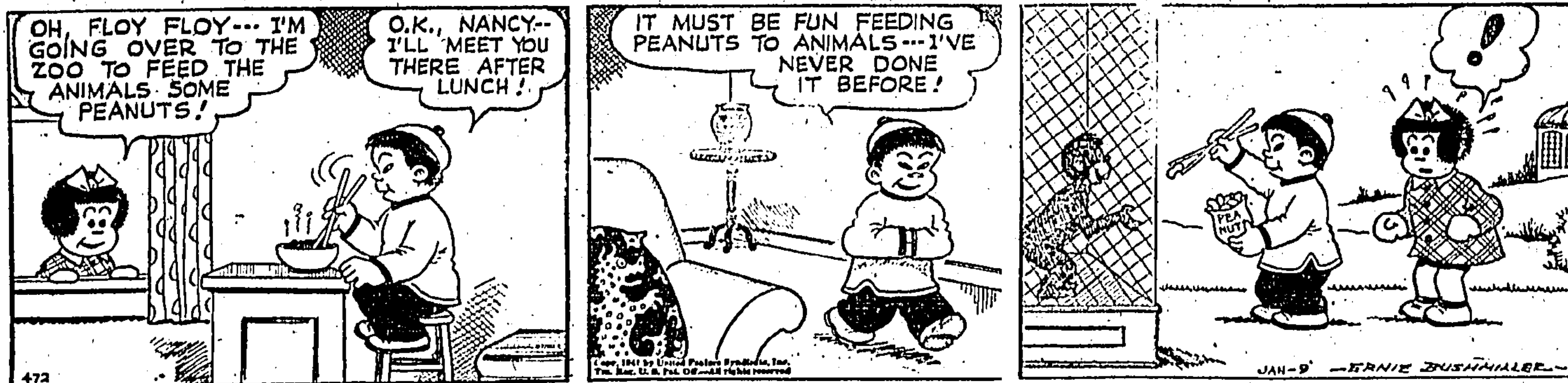
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## TURKEY

### British Confidence In Ally Stated

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—When asked in the House of Commons to-day whether the British Government was completely satisfied with the way the Turkish Allies were carrying out their agreement, Mr R. A. Butler (Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs) replied, "Yes."

Mr Butler added that the British Government had been kept fully informed of the negotiations leading up to the "Turko-Bulgarian Agreement."

He drew attention to the preamble of the agreement, which states that the agreement was without prejudice to the two countries' contractual engagements with other parties.

**To-morrow's Conference**  
ANKARA, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—The calls which Mr Anthony Eden and General Sir John Dill paid this afternoon were largely for the purpose of making contact.

Statements and generals will begin the real business to-morrow when they review the position of the Balkans and Mediterranean as it affects Britain and Turkey.

The close contact which the British Ambassador has maintained with M. Sarajoglu (Turkish Foreign Minister) the recent visit of the British Military Mission and their discussions with the Turkish General Staff, have prepared the ground.

Mr Eden will not so much initiate the talks as carry on the discussions which have been proceeding for some time.

### Dead Nazi Honoured By Friend And Foe

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—One of the best-known U-boat commanders of the war, Vice-Admiral Lothar von Trotha, the German naval commander for occupied territory, met with a fatal accident on Monday, it is announced in Berlin to-day.

Admiral Raeder, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Fleet, to-day paid warm tribute to the dead man whom, he declared, "was honoured by friend and foe alike."

## Letters From Occupied France On Miseries Of Population

CHUNGKING, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Interesting information on conditions in Occupied France is contained in lengthy correspondence given prominence in the "Ta Kung Pao."

A letter published by the paper stated: "Although France to-day is not at war, the sufferings of her people far surpass the conditions when France was at war."

The people begin to wonder what they are suffering for. They are willing to undergo hardships if they themselves are fighting.

"The German troops in occupied France are estimated at 80 divisions or approximately 1,600,000 men. They are clothed, fed and housed in France. French factories are turning out aeroplanes and guns for Germany which is also collecting and transporting all farm products back to Germany."

"Millions of unredeemable marks are circulated in France for the purchase of French products. Letters and telegrams between the occupied and unoccupied areas are forbidden. Clothing shortage in Occupied France is acute, there being no new shipments, particularly woolen goods. In winter, the shops are only displaying summer and spring clothing."

**Sent To Germany**  
"German troops have bought up all silk stockings and cosmetics, which have been sent back to Germany. Food is rationed, each person being allowed daily 250 grammes of bread. No meat is permitted on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. On the remaining four days, each person is allowed 500 grammes of meat."

"Oil is rationed at 100 grammes a week, sugar 500 grammes a month. 'Pork cannot be found since the Germans are said to be particularly fond of it. All pigs are shipped to Germany."

"There are 1,300,000 residents in Paris. There is no housing shortage but there is no coal, making the winter unendurable."

"A strict blackout is enforced throughout the occupied territories."

### Nazi Troops In North Africa

LONDON, Feb. 26 (UP).—Military circles are of the opinion that small German motorized elements are operating south of Benghazi, but that no large scale engagement is imminent.

## Antonescu Betrays Poles: Britain Promises To Act

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Britain has entered a most vigorous protest against the sending of interned Polish soldiers in Rumania to Germany.

Mr R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, revealed this in the House of Commons to-day when he characterised the action as a violation of International Law.

On January 31, he added, competent Rumanian authorities informed the Polish Legation, who are in charge of Polish interests in Rumania, that all interned Polish soldiers would be sent to Germany immediately.

A protest was lodged by the Chilean Charge d'Affaires and the British Minister in Bucharest vigorously supported the protest. The only explanation given by the Rumanian Government was that they regarded the question as a purely internal matter which they were not prepared to discuss.

Sir Reginald Hoare immediately expressed the strongest disapproval to this attitude. Subsequently on instructions from London, he formally notified the Rumanian Government that if so base an act were permitted, the British Government would not forget that General Antonescu and the members of his Government bore personal responsibility.

When the British Minister left Bucharest, it was understood that the Rumanian Government had at least temporarily delayed action, but there is some reason to suppose that it may now have taken place.

The House of Commons cheered when Sir William Lobbison declared that there would be warm satisfaction in Britain at the vigour of the British protest.

## HINDU SUPPORT OF BRITAIN

### Recruitment Policy

MADRAS, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—A hope that in a very short time the political deadlock in the country would be resolved and with India willing support, Great Britain would promptly defeat her enemies, was expressed by the General Secretary of the Hindu Mahasabha, the premier Hindu communal organisation and counterpart of the Muslim League.

The Secretary, who is having discussions with a number of leading politicians, declared that the Mahasabha had already decided to "take advantage of the situation and help the militarisation and industrialisation of India and therefore felt that it was one with the British Government in the matter of the defence of India."

### Militarisation Boards

Mahasabhas throughout the country had been ordered to set up Hindu Militarisation Boards and to take up the work in earnest. Intensive propaganda would be carried out in support of recruitment of Hindu youths for the Army, Navy and Air Force and also to maintain contact with recruiting officers.

## Islam Press Sides With Democracy

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—A special commentary in a Palestine Arab newspaper—the "Touqan"—on February 21 writes, "The Arab shares the same feelings regarding political facts and issues, and observes that the policy of dictatorial powers is based on despotism and tyranny, and notices that the British policy is founded on mutual respect and striving to help weak nations to rise and prosper."

"The Arabs are well aware that nationalism can neither grow nor exist under a dictatorial regime where thoughts and actions, permeated with the idea of racial superiority, are driving them to annihilate nationalism."

"The Arabs feel it in their interests to march side by side with Britain in this war, offering 'all available' help in the glorious struggle, bearing in mind that democracy is consistent with the principles of the Arabs' Islam."

## Fighters Send Nazis Home

### Alarm In London

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—British fighters routed a small formation of enemy planes trying to reach London in daylight to-day and sent them scurrying back to their bases.

An alert was sounded in the London area but none of the raiders even reached the outskirts of the capital.

**Casualties In Kent.**  
LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Only a few bombs were dropped by enemy aircraft to-day, and these were mainly over the coastal districts of Kent and East Anglia, says an Air Ministry Communique to-night. It adds that the damage was slight, but at one place in Kent there was a small number of casualties.

### All-Clear

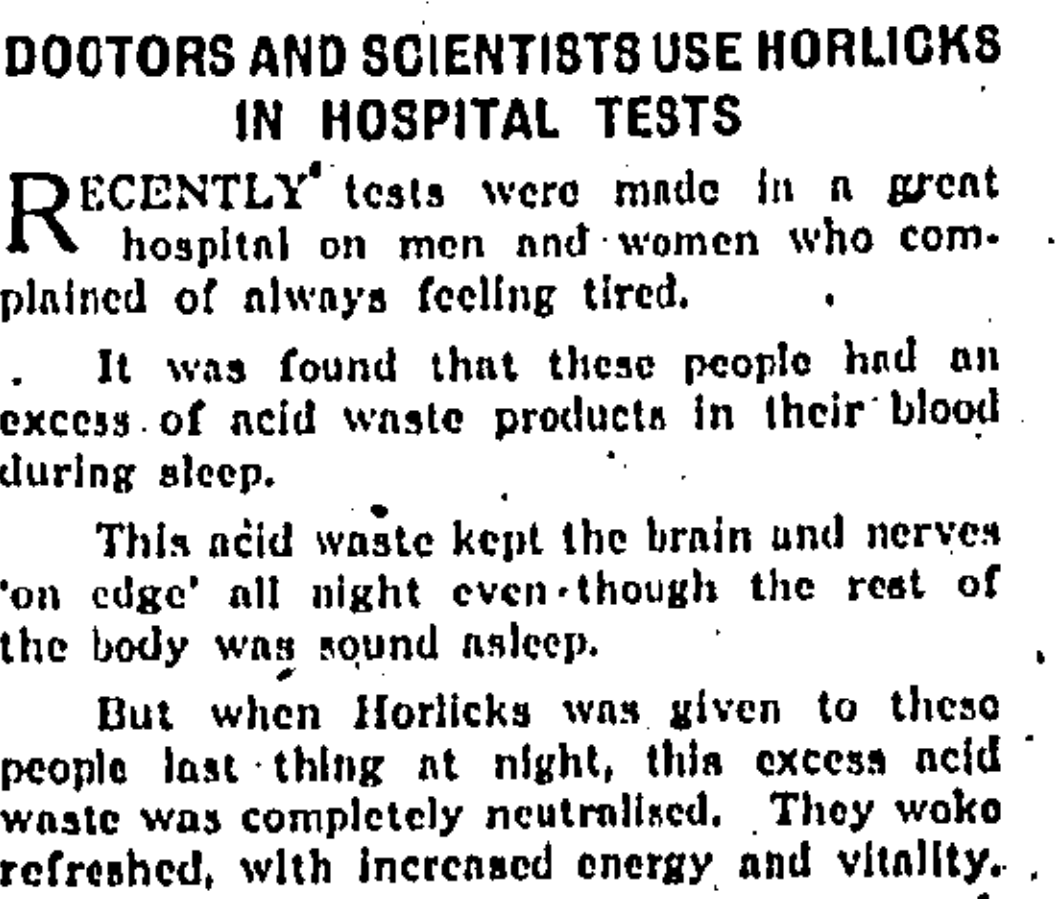
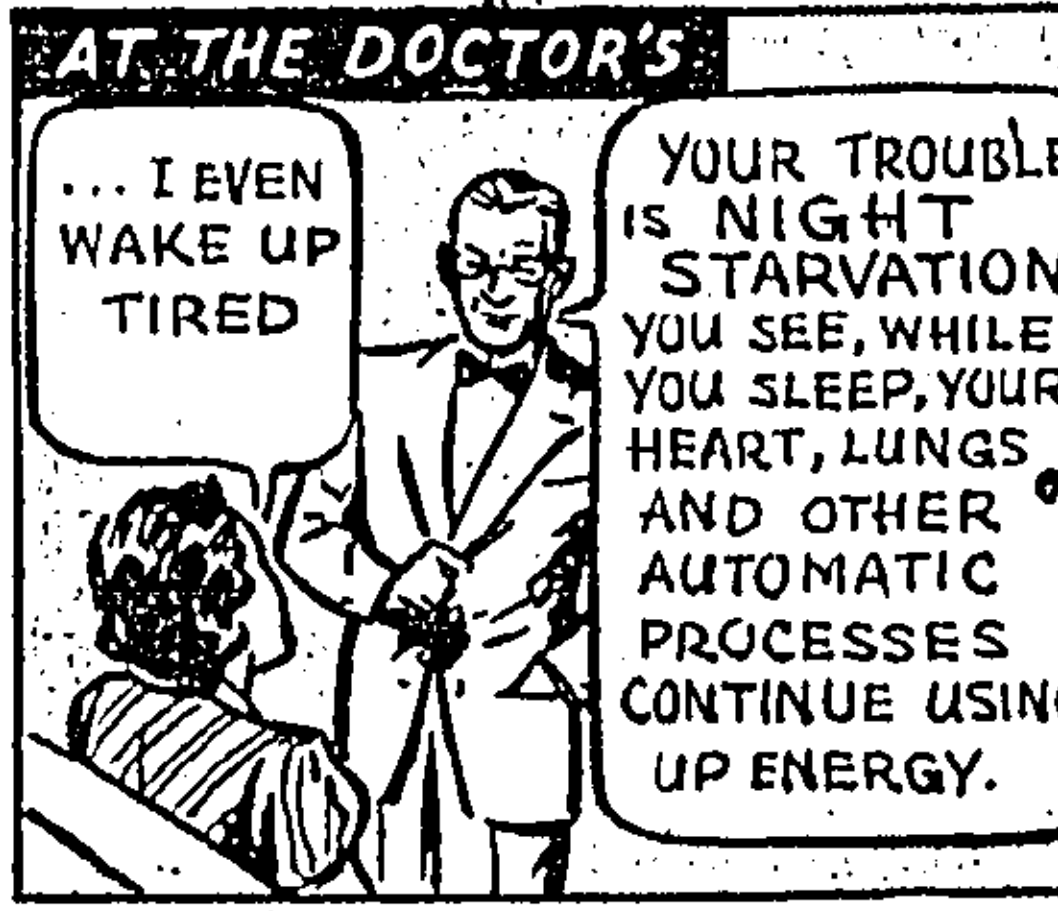
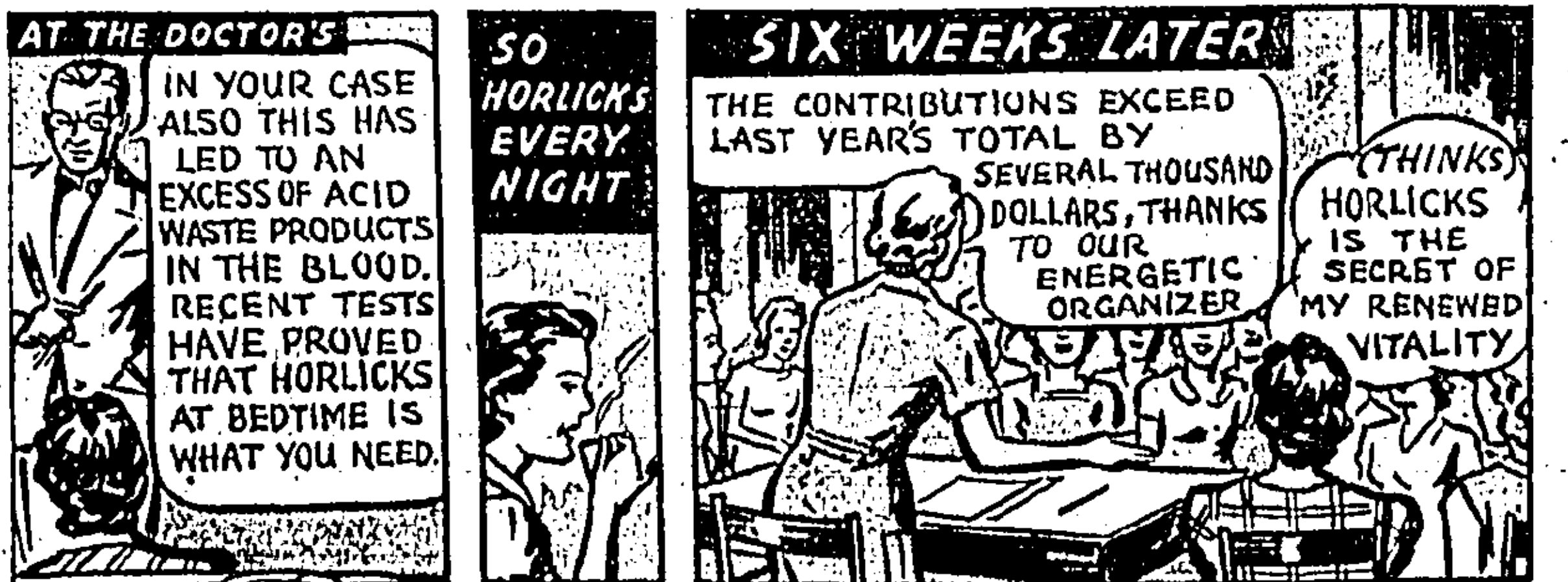
LONDON, Feb. 26 (UP).—The all clear signal was sounded in the London area after a brief alarm sounded when 20 German planes crossed the southeast coast headed for London, but veered off to the westward before they reached the Capital.

## U. S. ARMY AND NAVY NEEDS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—An immediate outlay of \$1,533,000,000 in cash and contract authorization for the Army and Navy is recommended by the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives.

This includes funds to develop naval and air stations at Guam and Samoa. The Navy share of this expenditure—\$938,000,000—also covers the initial cost of constructing 400 submarine chasers and other small craft, and will enable delivery by the end of 1943 of 55 more destroyers than originally planned. The bulk of the Army's \$605,000,000 is earmarked for construction, including cantonment and other housing projects.

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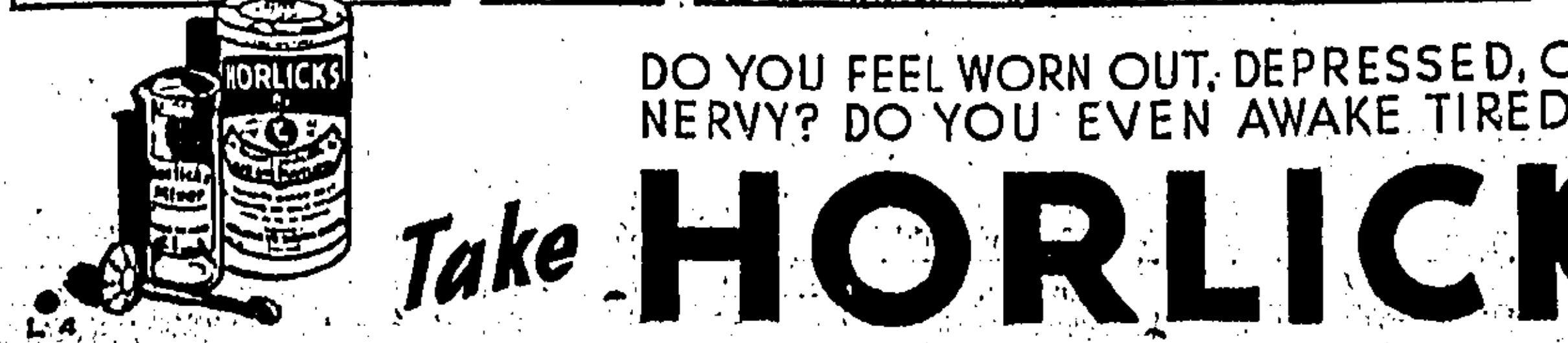
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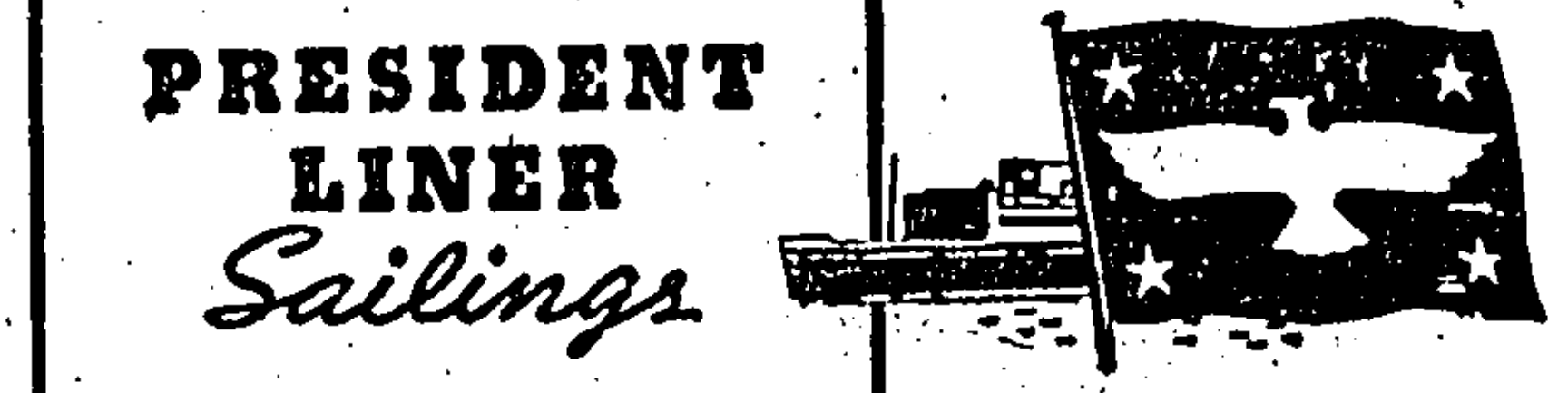
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"You must curry it, my dear," said the Queen.

They did—and curried corned beef became a favourite dish at the centre.

Mr B. E. Astbury, secretary of the Charity Organisation Society, told members of Leeds Personal Service Bureau about the Queen's cookery tip.

Corned beef, he said, should be cut into small cubes, garnished with curry sauce, and served hot with either boiled rice or potatoes.

## Weygand In Algiers

VICHY, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—General Maxime Weygand, the French Commander-in-Chief in Africa, arrived at Algiers by air to-day after a fortnight's tour of French West Africa.

## Italians Driven Back On Three Fronts

— FROM PAGE ONE —

Large quantities of guns and ammunition were captured. The South African Air Force co-operated in the capture of Gelib, machine-gunning enemy transport which were trying to escape.

Bombardment of enemy positions and dumps farther along the coast was successfully carried out by the Navy.

### Capture of Capital

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Although hundreds of miles of valueless and almost uninhabitable country lie between Mogadiscio and Bardafu, the capture of the capital (Mogadiscio) is a major stroke in the coastal offensive runs a cable received from Nairobi to-night.

It continued: "From Mogadiscio, two all-weather roads, considered to be equal to the best in Italian East Africa, run; one goes northwards towards the Djibuti railway and Hafar, and the other westwards to Lugh. The final collapse of the Lugh front emphasises the lesson learned in France of the vulnerability of a static river defence in the face of mobile forces.

### Mobile Attack

"By a series of rapid feints, the defenders were bewildered and pontoons easily countered the value of bridge heads. The news that the enemy was across the river against all expectations and was making mushroom inroads into their lines, caused the collapse of Italian morale.

"All forces share in the glory of the success. The King's African Rifles captured Liboe, Afmuda and Mismayu and cut off the Gelib garrison from Brava. The Gold Coast Regiment captured Bullo Erillo and forced the river Juba at Tavetta Island, capturing Brava and cutting off Gelib from the north. The South Africans captured Gubwen Pumbo and Gelib with its garrison, while the East Africans and West Africans shared in the taking of the capital.

## LATE NEWS

## New Construction on Probable Matsuoka Visit to Moscow

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Japanese circles in Shanghai assert that the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr Matsuoka, will shortly visit Moscow to sign an agreement with the Soviet, the Shanghai correspondent of a Free French Agency reports.

The agreement is said to provide for the demilitarisation of the Soviet-Manchukuo frontier.

The rectification of that frontier in Russia's favour, and the modification of the Treaty of Portsmouth, placing Japanese economic privileges on the Sakhalin and fishing rights in the Sea of Japan on a purely commercial basis.

The correspondent emphasises the significance of Japanese circles canvassing for the pact involving unilateral concessions from Japan to Russia, and adds that these suggestions seem to imply the postponement of Japan's southward expansion, making that expansion subordinate to the agreement with the Soviet.

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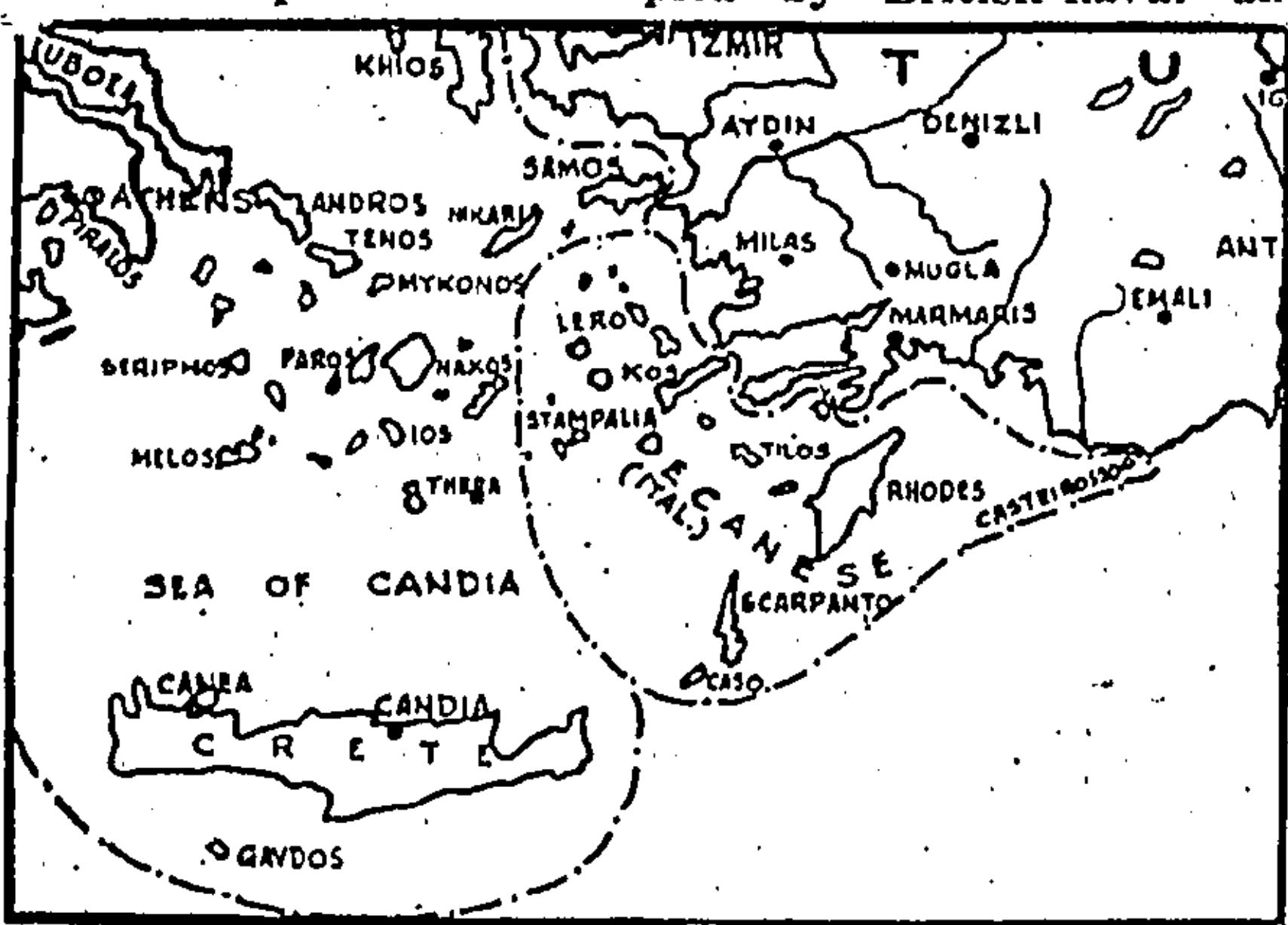
BELGRADE, FEB. 26 (UP).—IT IS ESTIMATED BY WELL INFORMED QUARTERS THAT AT PRESENT THERE ARE 23 GERMAN DIVISIONS, TOTALLING 450,000 MEN IN RUMANIA. OF THESE, 14 DIVISIONS, COMPRISING 200,000 SOLDIERS ARE ALONG THE BULGARIAN-YUGO-SLAV FRONTIERS.

## DODECANESE IS. OCCUPIED

### New British Air Base

Special to the "Telegraph"

The Italian island of Castel Rosso (Castel Oritzo), which is the easternmost island of the Dodecanese group, has been captured and occupied by British naval and



## S'hai Coal Shipments

### Concern Over Shortage

SHANGHAI, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Unless regular coal shipments continue to arrive in Shanghai within the immediate future, the International Settlement faces the possibility of having its supply of electricity curtailed within a month or two.

Mr. L. M. Pharis, Vice-President of the Shanghai Power Company, revealed this to the "Shanghai Times." He indicated that three months' supply of coal was in stock at present, and unless some shipments arrived soon, the Company would not be able to continue for long with a full service.

It is pointed out that coal was on order both from North China and India. Shortage of ships was the main difficulty.

Rev. A. P. Rose of Bishop's Guest House reports that on the night of February 25 some one broke into the Guest House and stole clothing to the value of \$55. Entry was effected by the removal of a window pane.

## S. Kwangtung Landing Repulsed By Chinese

SZEWUI, Feb. 26 (Central News).—Several hundred Japanese in rubber boats this morning approached Chekai on the southern Kwangtung coast, southeast of Tolshan, and directed heavy machine-gun fire ashore in an attempt to cover their landing. Chinese troops entrenched on the coast repulsed them with heavy fire.

In the afternoon the Japanese brought their planes into action. Covered by aerial bombardment they effected a landing.

But before they could establish a firm foothold, the Chinese counter-attacked with concentrated fire killing and wounding a large number of them. The Japanese boarded their boats and retired to Sheungchuen Island, off the southern Kwangtung coast.

**Railway Disrupted**  
CHUNGKING, Feb. 27 (Central News).—Traffic on the Shanghai-Tamshui

military forces.

This is revealed in an official announcement issued in London yesterday by the Admiralty and War Ministry.

The announcement added that the island has been equipped as a seaplane base.

### Army-Navy Occupation

The occupation of Castel Rosso may have been decided upon during the Anglo-Turkish staff talks a fortnight ago.

The fact that the official communication was issued jointly by the Admiralty and the War Ministry indicates that both the army and the navy have taken over the island.

The island is ten miles from the Turkish coast, 60 miles south of Rhodes, and 105 miles north of Cyprus.

Castel Rosso is situated off the south coast of Turkey, and its occupation by the British virtually seals the fate of the Dodecanese islands which have now been completely cut off from Italy.

Castel Rosso is about 80 miles by plane from Rhodes, the biggest island of the Dodecanese, and with Crete occupied by British land and air forces, the Dodecanese can now be easily attacked by air from both the east and west.

Hongchow Railway has been disrupted following the destruction by Chinese troops on Tuesday of the track at Chihsinkiao, near Kashiung, 61 miles south-west of Shanghai.

### Counter-Attack At Tamshui

WAIYUENG, Feb. 27 (Central News).—The Chinese counter-attack at Tamshui countries. Wangshia and Pongiao, two outer defence points, have both been recaptured, while the Japanese at Young-tongwai, another point in the neighbourhood, are isolated. The Chinese are now using Wangshia and Pongiao as bases for further assaults against

A Budapest report says that constantly recurring, but as yet unconfirmed rumours regarding the alleged entry of a German army into Bulgaria, include a report that 13,000 Nazi troops entered Bulgaria last night.

### CROSSED THE DANUBE

NEW YORK, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—It is reported from Belgrade that 12,000 German motorised troops invaded Bulgaria on Tuesday afternoon.

A report from Sofia says that these troops crossed the Danube at a bridge near Chernavoda.

**Nazis Ready To March**  
LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—All information suggests that the German preparations for the occupation of Bulgaria are now far advanced.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, made this declaration in the House of Commons, to-day when asked whether the British Institute in Sofia had been closed by order of the Bulgarian authorities.

Mr. Butler explained that the British Minister in Sofia had been given discretion to arrange for the departure of the staff of the British Institute when he considered the circumstances desirable.

Mr. Butler assumed that the British Minister had now exercised this discretion.

Mr. Butler gave no reply when asked whether the Bulgarian Government had been informed that unless they were prepared to defend their independence by force they would be regarded as a hostile country and their communications would be bombed.

## Mysterious Fire In Bosphorus

### Oil Tanks Threatened

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—A mysterious big fire which threatened to engulf oil tanks in the Bosphorus is reported in an Istanbul telegram to the "Stefani" agency.

Five vessels loaded with petrol and paraffin caught fire, and the blaze spread to other paraffin-laden boats. After prolonged efforts, firemen prevented the flames from reaching the oil tanks nearby.

An inquiry has been opened.

## ALFONSO CRITICAL Suffers Several Heart Attacks

### SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Feb. 26 (UP).—At 9 p.m. a bulletin regarding ex-King Alfonso read: "Throughout the day his condition is characterized as serious weakness, which is a direct consequence to repeated heart attacks."

### Cardiac Disturbances

Ex-King Alfonso's heart attacks at 5 p.m. developed into a series of minor cardiac disturbances which started at noon and continued at half-hour intervals.

The ex-King spent a quiet morning but the doctors prohibited all visits following yesterday's attacks. It is reported that Alfonso was given more hypodermic injections this morning after a fitful night.

## Chinese Doubt Of U. S.-Anglo Spirit

### CHUNGKING, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—

The report that Britain and the United States are warning Japan against further southward expansion is received in Chungking with mixed feelings.

While some quarters regard the move as a strong warning to Japan and attach great importance to the fact that parallel action has been taken by Britain and the United States, the influential daily, "Ta Kung Pao," expresses the fear that Britain and America lack the determination to check Japan.

## Currie Due Back Here To-Day

### SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Feb. 26 (UP).—Mr. Lauchlin Currie will leave for Hongkong by plane on Thursday and will join the Clipper there for the United States.

Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek gave a farewell dinner in Mr. Currie's honour on Wednesday evening and a farewell tea was given by Ambassador Johnson—both parties being attended by the highest diplomatic and Chinese officials, including Mr. H. H. Kung and Mr. Wang Chung-hui.

## WILL SINK ALL SHIPS

### Mussolini Threat

#### SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ROME, Feb. 26 (UP).—A front page editorial in Mussolini's paper "Popolo d'Italia" states that the Axis counter-blockade will sink all ships attempting to carry supplies to the British Isles, even if American.

It said that the British steamship Canadian Cruiser which was recently sunk by the Germans was flying the United States flag, but even if they had been American ships they would have met with the same fate.

## Can't Spare Ships

### U.S. Mercantile Position

#### SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (UP).—Officials of the Maritime Commission to-day stated that none of the existing merchant vessels can be spared to Britain during the next nine months, owing to the fact that they are needed for the transport of strategic materials for defence progress.

Moreover, the United States needs about 60 more 10,000-ton cargo boats to meet domestic requirements. The present merchant fleet consists of 1,270 ships, including the Great Lakes fleet and military transports, leaving only 331 merchant vessels and 40 tankers for foreign trade, totalling 2,405,000 tons. One hundred and thirty vessels are now being rushed to completion, averaging one launching every five days.

### German Report

#### SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Feb. 26 (UP).—The official news agency announced to-day that German bombers and dive bombers escorted by German and Italian fighters, this afternoon bombed the Luca aerodrome at Malta, setting fire immediately to ten British planes which were on the ground.

# Big U.S. Defence Bill: Britain May Get Half The Planes and Ships

Special to the "Telegraph"

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (UP).—The House to-day debated the \$1,533,000,000 supplemental defence appropriation bill when Rep. Clifton Woodrum said that perhaps 50 per cent. of the planes, ships and weapons provided therein might be transferred to Britain, if the lend and lease Bill is approved. The measure includes funds to complete 55 destroyers, 40 mine layers and many small naval craft, as well as 189 planes.

Rep. John Taber criticised the army building programme and said that Camp Edwards, Mass., had been boosted 71 per cent. above union levels.

The Appropriations Committee had earlier approved the bill, and currently published General Marshall's testimony asserting that the Army is in better condition to-day to repel an invasion than it was a year ago when "we would have been in a somewhat helpless plight had the control of the Atlantic passed to the enemy."

**The Allocations**  
The bill allocates the Army \$605,000,000 and also \$338,000,000 for the purpose of completing the construction projects. It includes \$881,219,000 for the Navy of which \$169,000,000 is allocated to shore bases including the Atlantic sites acquired from Britain, while Guam and Samoa are also provided for.

The testimony published in connection with the introduction of the bill included that of Major J. R. Hardin, Chief Construction Engineer who asserted that aircraft deliveries had increased to such an extent, that the Army's four maintenance depots had been closed. He added that three new depots would be built.

**Important Projects**  
WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (UP).—The supplemental national defence appropriation bill which the House is expected to pass shortly, carries the astounding total of \$78,449,137 for War and Navy Department projects in the Caribbean Sea, namely at Puerto Rico, Guantanamo, Virgin Islands and the Canal Zone, but does not include funds for work on the bases acquired from Britain.

The War Department's portion is mostly for supplying housing for new recruits.

**U. S. Minister Summoned**  
**Sequel To Cafe Brawl In Sofia**

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Feb. 26 (UP).—The official news agency's Sofia correspondent reports that a private complaint, charging the United States Minister, Mr. George Earle with "doing an insult in a public place" has been filed in a Sofia Court. Several Bulgarians have been cited as witnesses.

It is reliably reported that Mr. Earle's antagonist was a Major attached to the German General Staff, and that immediately after the incident he was ordered to return to Rumania from where he had arrived in Sofia shortly before the incident.

## War Chiefs' Evidence To Congress Made Public

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—That invasion is less imminent than a year ago is the opinion of General George Marshall, United States Chief of the Army Staff.

This and other views of the war by the heads of the United States Army and Navy were given to Congress and made public by the House of Representatives' Appropriations Committee to-day.

General Marshall said that a year ago the United States would have been in a "somewhat helpless plight" if control of the Atlantic had passed to the enemy.

Admiral Harold Stark, Chief of Naval Operations, asked whether any time was definitely set by the President regarding when the Navy should be "ready for business," replied in the negative. He worked on the basis of

getting ready at the earliest possible moment.

The huge naval construction programme was proceeding, Admiral Stark said, at a "very favourable speed." Battleship construction was running four to six months ahead of schedule.

Admiral Stark expressed the opinion that transfer of more destroyers to Britain on the scale suggested by the President was inadvisable at the moment, but the Government's hands should not be tied in this connection.

He said: "It is impossible to foresee what we may want to do tomorrow or the next day under the present world conditions. Certain emergency conditions might arise under which we might want to make certain transfers of material."

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#### Business

Adoption of Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

Election of Officers and Committee.

Any Other Business.

It is earnestly requested that members and all others interested in the welfare of Kowloon will endeavour to be present. An opportunity will be given for bringing forward matters for the consideration of the new Committee.

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The Register of Shares of the Company will be closed on Saturday, 1st March, 1941, to Saturday, 8th March, 1941, (both days inclusive) during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

KAN TONG PO,  
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 20th February, 1941.

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The Register of Members of the Company will be closed from 8th March to 20th March, 1941, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

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Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.



## G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 3rd day of March, 1941, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of H.M. Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Kau Pui Shek, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF THIS COMPANY will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on Friday, the 28th February, 1941, at 11.00 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Wednesday, the 19th February, 1941, to Friday, the 28th February, 1941, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors.

C. M. MANNERS,  
Secretary and Manager.

Hongkong, 12th February, 1941.

### NOTICE

#### DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940

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## Weygand In Algiers

VICHY, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—General Maxime Weygand, the French Commander-in-Chief in Africa, arrived at Algiers by air to-day after a fortnight's tour of French West Africa.

### Swedish Budget

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—The Swedish Parliament has adopted a supplementary budget amounting to 93 million kroner for defence.

It provides for the purchase of artillery and aircraft, the reconstruction of certain warships and the building of barracks and other needs.

### Graziani Latest

VICHY, Feb. 26 (UP).—An unconfirmed report says that the personal baggage of Marshal Rudolfo Graziani has arrived at Tunis from Tripoli.

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1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Betty Driver (Vocal) in a Swing Programme.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Anton and The Paramount Theatre Orchestra.

1.55 Band Music.

2.15 Close down.

6.45 Indian Programme.

6.50 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.52 A Warner Programme.

7.0 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Meet Uncle Sam.

Interviews with Professor Harold and H. Falkner.

7.30 Max Miller in the Theatre.

(Recorded during an actual performance at the Holborn Empire, London).

7.50 Ivor Moreton and Dave Kaye on Two Planes.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Fletcher—Sylvan Scenes Suite.

In Beauty's Bower—Sylvan Dances.

The Pool of Narcissus—Cupid's Carnival.

London Palladium Orchestra from Clifford Greenwood.

8.15 Studio—Local Newsletter.

8.30 'Review of Revues.'

Debroy Somers Band with Vocal Chorus by Dan Donovan.

8.45 Cinema Organ Music.

Finch Favorites No. 6; Intro: In the quartermaster's stores; Bluebirds in the moonlight; Good-morning; It's a lovely day to-morrow; I hear a dreamy safe in my heart; Horace Finch, the Blackpool Organist; Smash and Grab (Leach); Temptation Rag (Lodge); Donald Thorne at the Organ of the Granada, Clapham Junction.

9.0 London Relay—The News.

9.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

9.30 Concert Waltzes.

Under the Rainbow (Waldteufel); North Sea Waves (Kranitz); Orchestra Mascotte; Charles Anicette Waltz Medley; Archibald Joyce Waltz Medley; Vienna Waltz Orchestra; Baden Girls (Kornatz); Song; Laughter and Dance (Ziehrer); Orchestra Mascotte.

9.45 News in French (on Short Wave only).

9.50 Songs by John McCormack (Tenor).

Jennie with the Light Brown Hair (Foster); Sweetly She Sleeps, My Alice Fair (Foster); Shannon River (Egan-Morgan).

10.0 London Relay—"To Talk of Many Things."

10.15 Bizet's "Carmen" Act II.

Singers in order of appearance: Aurora Bundes; Bruno Carmassi; Ebe Ticozzi; Benvenuto Francel; Irma Mlon; Aristide Baracchi; Giuseppe Nesi; Aureliano Pertile and Chorus of La Scala, Milan, with Milan Symphony Orchestra conducted by Lorenzo Molajoli.

11.0 Close down.

### Gen. De Gaulle Greets French Canadians

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—"Despite its sufferings, the French Empire will again take up arms," declared General de Gaulle, Leader of the Free French Movement, to 100 French Canadian officers whose guest at dinner he was to-day.

The defeat of last year was due to bad preparation in the face of new methods of warfare and was no disgrace; that France did not accept defeat was shown by French troops, ships and planes continuing the fight.

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## Support For War Fund

A total of \$1,000,202.10 was reached yesterday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd., with the following donations:

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A Chinese Firm, members of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce	.....5,000
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The S. C. M. Post has received the following donation to the Relief Fund for British Prisoners of War:

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The S. C. M. Post has received the following donation to the British War Organisation Fund:

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Organisations await collection at the office of the S. C. M. Post, Hongkong Benevolent Society, 12, W. O. F. Emergency Relief Council, Lepera Fund, Food Kitchen Appeal Fund, Relief Fund for British Prisoners of War, St. Vincent de Paul, S.P.C.A., Salvation Army.

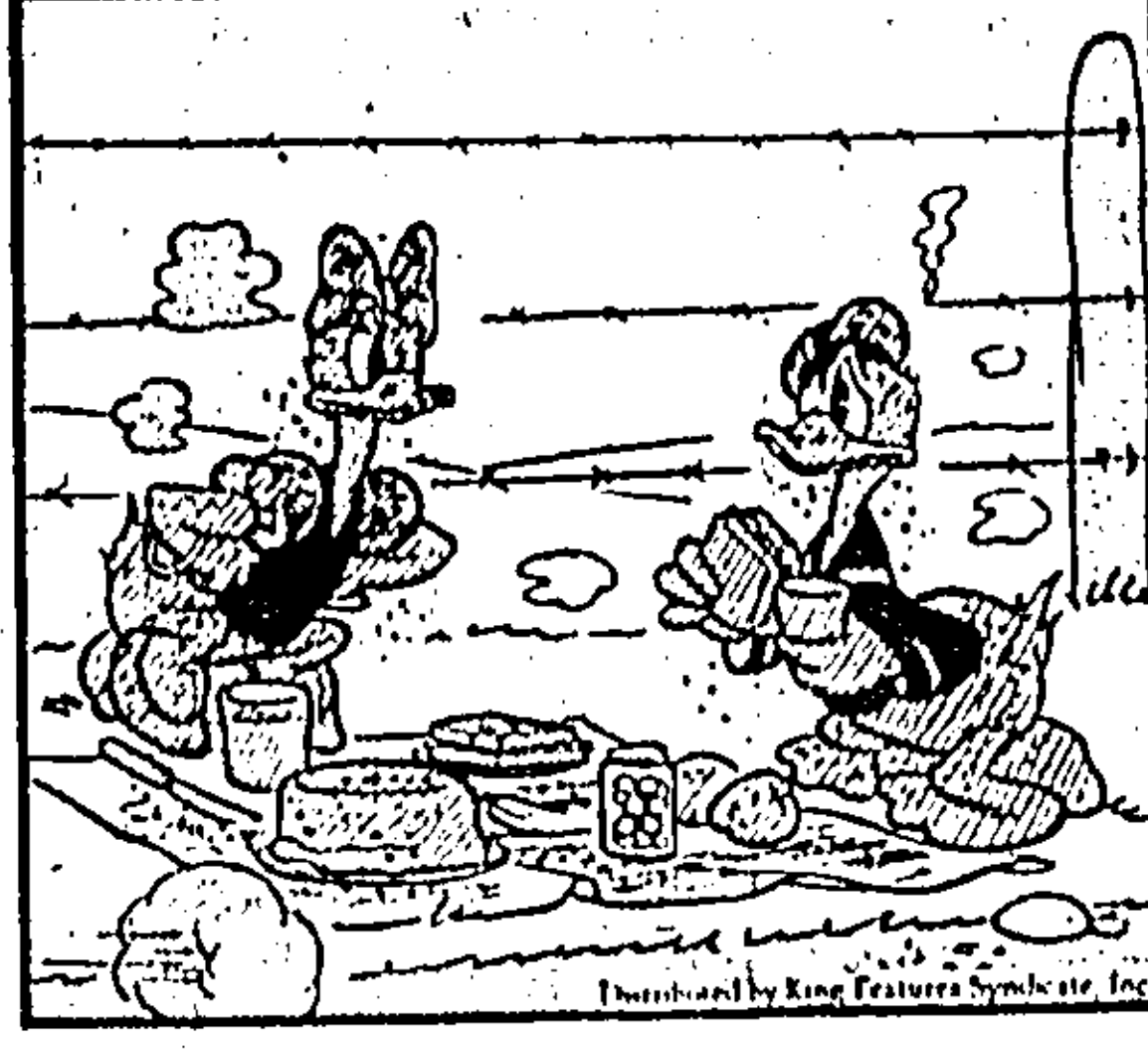
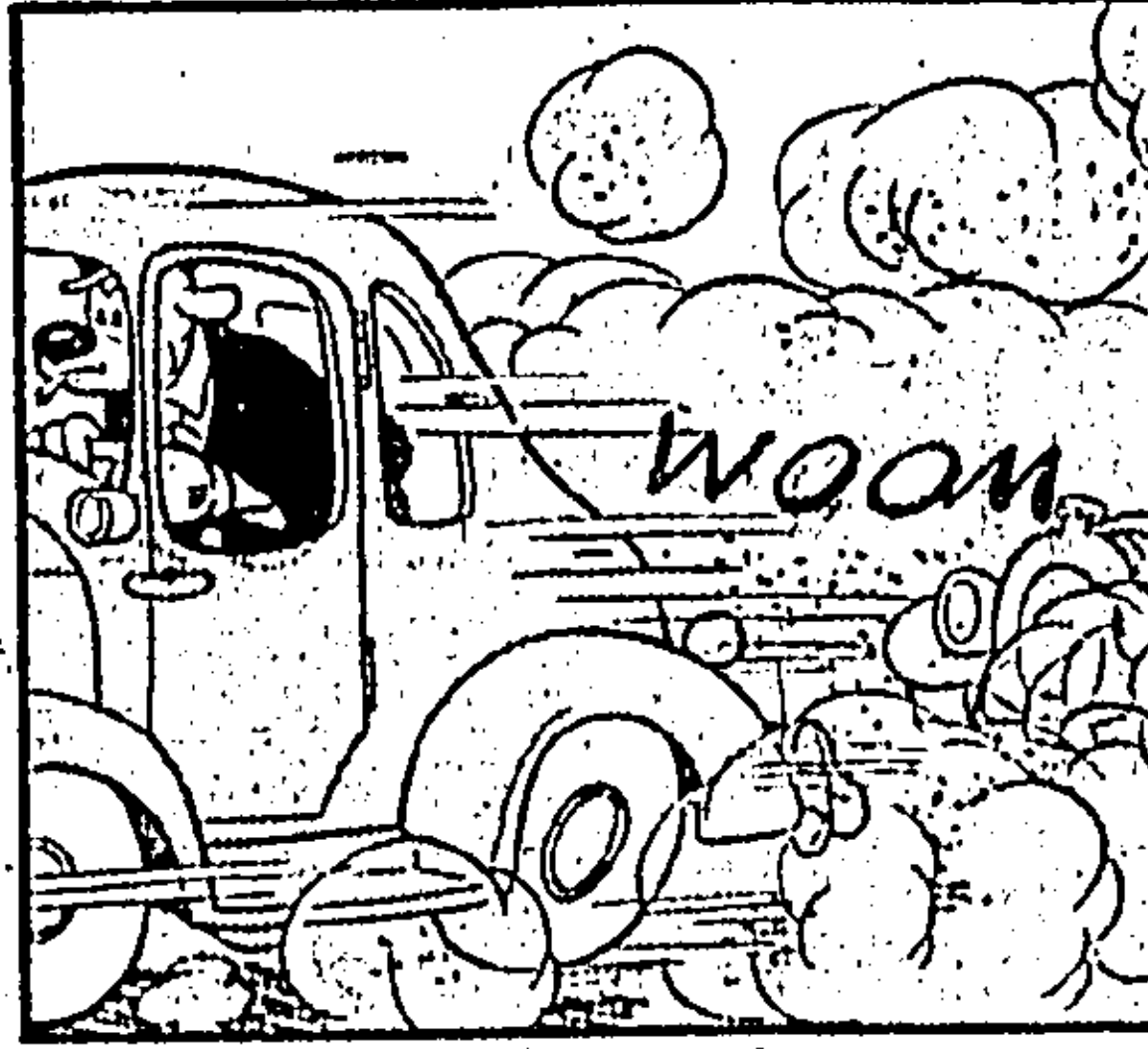
Admission Decoux In Conference

SHANGHAI, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—It is officially reported that Admiral Jean Decoux, Governor-General of French Indo-China, conferred lengthily with high military and civil officials in Hanoi yesterday evening.



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## Story of a Night Raid

### Such People As These Live In England

The night was dark except when the moon came out from the clouds and shed a silvery sheen on the tin helmets of the men standing on the mass of rubble. Sometimes the smashed bricks, broken mortar and splinters were caught in a pool of light.

The men were bent almost double to their tasks. They were picking up the broken bits of what had once been a house, dropping them into baskets. They were working with their hands. You can't use picks and shovels when there are people trapped underneath. Occasionally they used tiny saws that looked as if they had come out of a toy shop. With them they would saw through a piece of joist or a beam. Every now and then a man would straighten up, pick up a basket and carry it away, bringing it back empty.

against the side of their ambulance, hands out and bleeding with trying to help. They were obviously tired. The R.A.F. men helped to empty the baskets.

The raiders droned overhead. The bombs screamed down. Farther away now. So hours passed. Few words were spoken. It was as though words had no place in this world of screaming bombs, whistling shrapnel and rumbling guns. The throb of engines of the raiders added their sound to that universe of noise.

**By Marjorie Nelson**

The raiders passed. A mobile canteen drove up. Two drawn and white-faced women handed tea to the working men.

The raiders droned overhead. The guns barked. Bombs again.

An Air Raid Warden loomed up out of the darkness. "How many?" he asked. "Three," came briefly from under a tin hat.

Pitiful little personal things appeared. A mug with "A Present from Brighton" written on it. A torn shred of a rayon undervest, a man's pipe, a woman's handbag with a worn puff and a smudgy box of rouge. The Warden put them meticulously in a corner. Over the river bombs fell.

The raiders passed.

A man appeared amongst us. He was very small, in a shabby coat. His face was tired and grey, and a few thin wisps of hair spread over the bald top of his head. He held a grimy cap in his hands.

"I've just come home," he said, almost apologetically, "working the night shift."

It was though he had not spoken, for what was there to reply? He stood there silent, a pathetic droop to his tired shoulders, a blind misery in his eyes, his fingers twisting the cap around and around. The rubble, before him was what had been his home. "Mother will be in there," he said, "and the two lads." He turned his head sideways to look up the faces of the men digging. "Are they?" "Hope so, Chum."

So he stood, twisting and twisting the cap. He didn't say any more. We were all looking down to the bottom of the shaft now. There did not seem anything but rubble and a curious yellow wood. Slowly it turned into a woman's arm. As they cleared the network of bits of beds, boards and brick, you see she was lying face down, and underneath were two smaller bodies. They were all three crushed and pressed into the raw material of the house.

The raiders passed. The minutes dragged on. The baskets made their interminable journeys back and forth. Suddenly one could see—it was a shaft they were digging. Now it seemed big enough for a man to go down. The men stopped work. One man climbed slowly down, carefully pulling his body this way and that to avoid dislodging the surrounding debris and to avoid the ragged ends of joints and beams. Then he was at the bottom in the rubble.

He put his mouth against a crack. His voice came strangely up the shaft. "Are you there, mate?" We all stood at the top listening. We saw him put his ear to the crack hole. He climbed awkwardly to the top again. We waited. "I can hear them faintly," he said. Without a word they returned to work.

Suddenly there was the screech of bombs flying through the air. The little crowd around the pile of rubble flung themselves on their faces—all but the men at the top. They did not raise their bent backs. The bombs screamed by. As thunderous explosion followed thunderous explosion, those on the rubble heap shook in a world where nothing was still, and their heads were filled with the roar of noise that filled the air.

The raiders passed. All round the mound, the deeper shadows become human beings again as they slowly pulled themselves to their feet. The men at the top were still carefully picking up their scraps of building and dropping them into baskets. The ambulance girls leaned

A typical raid aftermath, as described in the story.



## Crossword Puzzle

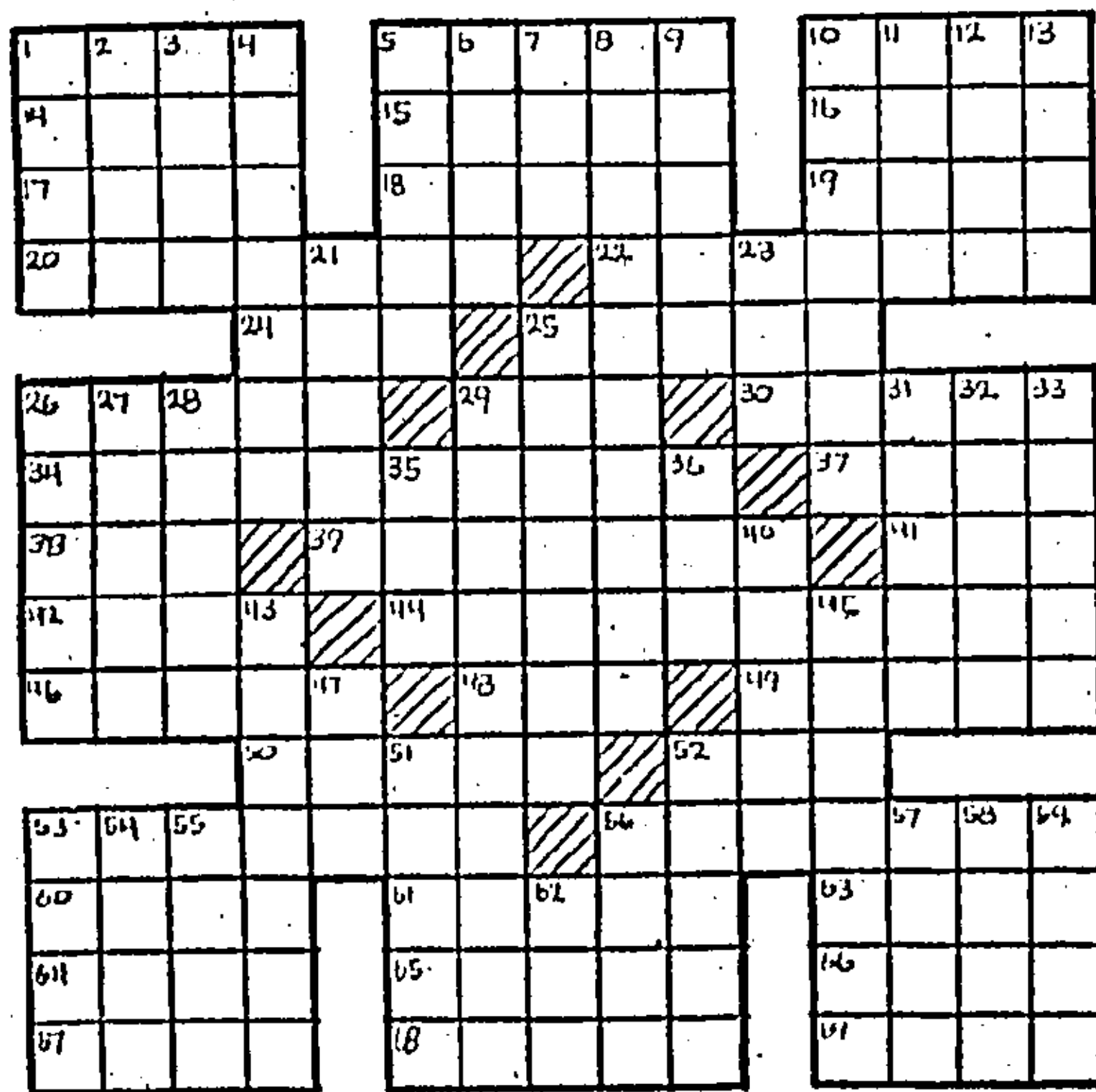
By LARS MORRIS

**ACROSS**

- Young cattle
- Herb
- Hotting tools
- 12 word of mouth
- One who lavishes extreme fondness
- Outer garment
- Exchange premium
- Arrange, as hanging
- Leucoblast
- Disputed
- Directed away from
- Dispute
- Confession of faith
- Circular discharge from nasal cavities
- Japanese shrub
- Latin English general
- Living before mind
- Face of pedestal
- At all (Scottish)
- Make slight allusion to
- Combining form: secret
- Denomination
- Religious decree
- Man's name
- Female form
- Portable booth at fair
- Plagues
- Derivative article
- Visible impression
- Intoxicating mineral
- Stirring air
- Make amends for
- Heure month
- Vine soil sediment
- Crannul state
- Without kindred

**DOWN**

- Common fuel
- Ship of Argonauts
- Non-professional
- Fraudulent voter
- Twine
- Seventh letter of Greek alphabet
- Restoration after injury
- Police mandate
- Population
- Mandatory precept
- Located
- Worshipped image of natural object
- Long fish
- Nuclei
- Comprehend
- Blank to prevent error
- Excess of solar year
- Very small unit of length
- Unforgettable desire
- Take away
- Loop of rope
- Large body of water
- In old English law, jurisdiction
- Not (German)
- Leaving made will before decease
- Cocoon of insect found in Persia
- Portuguese coin
- With mouth wide open
- Chambered
- Very spacious
- Casual silk
- Horizontal window member
- At one time
- Worshipped image of deity
- Allowance for weight of container
- Kind of prey
- Propelling device



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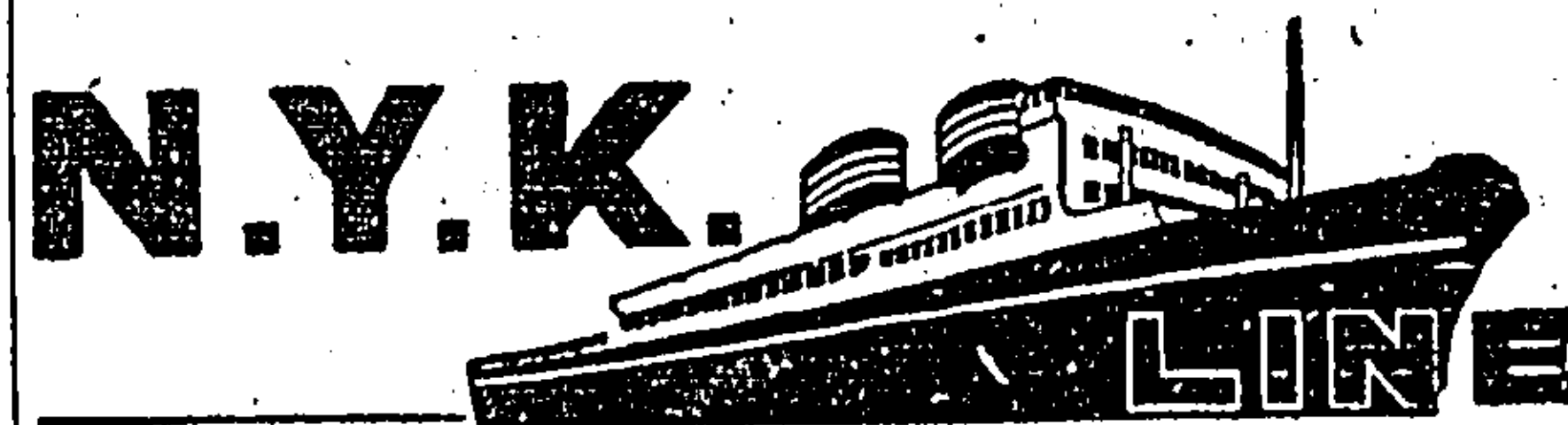
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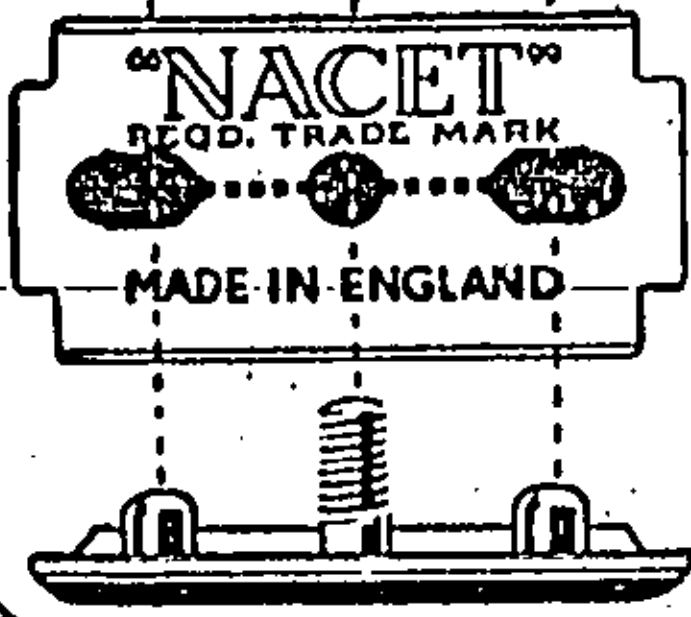
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Far East Finances And  
Economics In Review

HON. Mr J. J. Paterson delivered a statesmanlike review of the financial and economic situation in the Far East at the annual meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation yesterday. It placed problems and exaggerated hopes and fears in their proper perspective. There was no attempt to offer a dogmatic forecast for the future, but Mr Paterson did find room for an exhortation which, if heeded, will make more for the future desirable, than any wishful thinking.

Re-emphasis was given to the important factor that the stability and prosperity of the Orient was dependent as much on political as economic issues, and that China's role was a dominating influence; hence it is just as important for Chungking to put her house in order as it is to have a clarification of the commercial and financial situation in the occupied areas. Mr Paterson's references to Japan and the influence she is wielding in the many commercially important parts of China were oblique, but telling; it was easy to trace the cause for his concern over the servicing of foreign loans by the Nanking regime, the obscure export position in Shanghai due to monopolies, controls and other extraneous influences, and the creation of the new Central Reserve Bank with its threat to the free market of Shanghai.

The prosperity of Hongkong is integrally bound up with the conditions pertaining to its near neighbour, and while it is true that from a trade point of view the Colony has benefitted to some extent from the misfortunes of China, the continuance or spreading of the strife must inevitably bring its repercussions. This was clearly recognised in Mr Paterson's review which sounded, by inference rather than by direct phrase, a warning for care and economy in the future. The European

Defence of the  
Netherlands East Indies

The Netherlands East Indies has been energetically pressing forward a programme of emergency preparedness, military and economic, since the conquest of the Low Countries by Germany, and since Japan's avowed alliance with the Axis powers has visibly increased the danger of foreign aggression against this vast archipelago, with its 67,000,000 inhabitants and its rich stores of oil, rubber, tin, sugar and many other valuable foodstuffs and raw materials.

## Extended Powers

The Governor-General, Dr Tjarda van Starkenborgh Stachouwer, has been given extended powers. The colony has been declared in a state of martial law. Allegiance to the exiled Netherlands Government in London was reaffirmed. German nationals in the islands were interned—a measure which has been maintained despite reprisals against prominent Netherlands citizens in the Netherlands—and German ships in East Indian harbour were seized.

Aeroplanes are not easy to obtain in this age of worldwide arming for national preparedness; but the Netherlands are credibly reported to have brought the strength of their air force in the East Indies up to 500 planes. A number of these flying boats, which are expected to co-operate with submarines and torpedo-boats in opposing any attempt at a hostile landing.

## Air Raid Shelters

Java, one of the most thickly settled regions in the world, has been provided with a considerable number of air raid shelters, despite the difficulties offered by land that is only a little above sea level.

There are three military organisations in the Netherlands

war and its effects are just beginning to catch up with Hongkong, which means there may be lean days ahead. The Colony's financial and commercial resilience is such, however, that given fair opportunity, it will weather the storm; it has done so before; it will do so again. Thus, as the Bank speech pointed out, both pessimists and optimists will have their day, and both will be right.

By William Henry Chamberlin

lands Indies. First is the colonial army, which, before the beginning of the European war, numbered between 35,000 and 40,000, obliged to maintain mostly native troops under the Netherlands control of the artillery and the technical services. This army has probably been increased, although figures are kept secret.

Auxiliary military organisations, with exclusively Dutch membership, are the militia, numbering about 15,000 men, in which service is compulsory for younger men, and the landsturm, enrolling between 17,000 and 18,000 men of the older classes, regarded as fit for home defence tasks.

The navy is, of course, the first line of defence for this island colonial empire. It includes three cruisers, nine destroyers, fourteen large submarines and a number of minelayers, minesweepers and auxiliary coast defensive vessels.

## Danger From Attack

Expert opinion is divided on the question whether the Netherlands East Indies could ward off a Japanese attack. The total coastline being dependent for much of its mileage of the archipelago is their oil on the United States and the available States. Whether the Dutch forces are scarcely sufficient to prevent the Japanese totally destroying the wells down will become clear with from landing somewhere. would depend largely on the

speed and success of the attack.

Japan's first effort to tap the natural wealth of the Netherlands East Indies, after the German occupation of the Netherlands and the peace, numbered between 35,000 and 40,000, obliged to maintain mostly native troops under lines of sea communication rather than warlike. A de- legation, headed by Ichizo Kobayashi, Minister of Commerce, went to Batavia and negotiated for larger purchases of oil, tin, rubber and other strategic raw materials.

Mr Kobayashi went away with only part of what he asked for: an agreement to sell 1,800,000 tons of oil products, not to include high-octane aviation gasoline or the aviation crude oil. The predominantly British-owned Royal Dutch Shell group and the American Standard-American Asiatic Squadron, which is based on Manila. Vacuum interests control 88 per cent. of the oil output of the islands, and these companies are not anxious to sell oil to Japan.

## New Mission

Now a new mission, headed by Kenkichi Yoshizawa, veteran Japanese diplomat and former Minister to China, has arrived in the Netherlands East Indies. The Dutch have asserted their intention to do nothing to aid the Axis powers.

Whether Mr Yoshizawa will keep the conversations within diplomatic bounds or will lead to an open show-down will become clear with in the next few weeks.

## THE INFERNO

By BILLIKEN



Giovanni: What's happened? Is Vesuvius in eruption again?  
Pietro: Worse! It's the Royal Air Force!



# ITALIANS DRIVEN BACK ON THREE FRONTS IN EAST AFRICA OFFENSIVE

CAIRO, Feb. 26 (Reuters).—Further progress by patriot forces in Abyssinia is reported in the latest communique from G.H.Q., Cairo, which tells of continued thrusts on three fronts.

"In Eritrea," says the communique, "our northern column advancing towards Keren has again made satisfactory progress. About Keren itself, local activity continues."

"In Abyssinia, patriot forces, supported by British troops, have successfully increased the area of their penetration in the Gogjam area, and further south, are causing evacuation of more Italian ports."

"Following the enemy withdrawal from Italian Somaliland, West African troops yesterday captured Brava, from which port our advance is again continuing."

"In the Gelib area, prisoners so far counted number 64 officers and 423 other ranks, together with 888 Colonial troops."

## Capture of Gelib

NAIROBI, Feb. 26 (Reuters).—The South African formation which captured Gelib after having crossed the river near the mouth, made an exceedingly rapid march for 90 miles up the river, clearing enemy opposition all the way, says an official communique.

Here East African formations, having crossed the bridgeheads seized by the Gold Coast Regiment, carried out a night march through desert country and cut the only road communication between Gelib and Brava, thus preventing the escape of the main body.

A Gold Coast brigade, which had borne the brunt of the early fighting across Jubba, completed its operations and cut off all avenues of escape to the north.

## 3,000 Prisoners

A conservative estimate of the number of prisoners is 3,000 while in addition, many of the enemy who escaped to the bush are now returning and surrendering.

An aeroplane reported that the enemy retreating along a beach 30 miles from Juba waved white flags in token of their desire to surrender. Large quantities of guns and ammunition were captured.

The South African Air Force co-operated in the capture of Gelib, machine-gunning enemy transport which were trying to escape.

Bombardment of enemy positions and dumps farther along the coast was successfully carried out by the Navy.

## Capture of Capital

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuters).—"Although hundreds of miles of valleys and almost uninhabitable country lie between Mogadiscio and Bardafu, the capture of the capital (Mogadiscio) is a major stroke in the coastal offensive" runs a cable received from Nairobi to-night.

It continues: "From Mogadiscio, two all-weather roads, considered to be equal to the best in Italian East Africa, run: one goes northwards towards the Djibuti railway and Hafar, and the other westwards to Lugh. The final collapse of the Juba front emphasises the lesson learned in France of the vulnerability of a static river defence in the face of mobile forces."

## Mobile Attack

"By a series of rapid flanks, the defenders were bewildered and pontoons easily countered the value of bridge heads. The news that the enemy was across the river against all expectations and was making mushroom inroads into their lines, caused the collapse of Italian morale. All forces share in the glory of the success. The King's African Rifles captured Liboe, Afmuda and Mismanu and cut off the Gelib garrison from Brava. The Gold Coast Regiment captured Bullo Erillo and forced the river Juba at Tavetta Island, capturing Brava and cutting off Gelib from the north. The South

## Burma Rd. Withstands The Bombs Full Ferry Service

BY "REUTERS" SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

LASHIO, BURMA, Feb. 26.—Air attack can never seriously impede the steady flow of traffic along the Burma Road, is the conclusion I reached to-day after a ten-day trip along the road in a convoy of ten lorries.

The road has been damaged by Japanese bombs but the ferry service is now carrying 100 fully loaded trucks each way daily and when more ferries and connecting roads are completed, as many trucks as the road can carry will be transported across the river by these means.

The existing ferry consists of a few planks strapped on to empty petrol drums and it is pulled across the river by a stationary lorry. The ferry works during the night and is dismantled during the day so there is no danger from Japanese air attacks. Even if this simple ferry were damaged another could speedily be prepared.

## Frequent Dislocation

The Burma Road is subject to frequent dislocation by landslides and flood but Chinese organisation of permanent gangs of coolies along the road is so effective that traffic has not been interrupted for more than 24 hours at a time during the past twelve months and that includes the rainy season.

After seeing these natural hazards I find it hard to believe that aerial bombardment could offer an equal menace to the steady traffic flow.

When the road was first re-opened about 40 trucks left Burma daily for China carrying 100 tons of cargo exclusive of petrol for the journey but by the middle of January 100 trucks went through daily carrying 450 tons. Completion of petrol dumps shortly will enable more cargo to be carried.

## Kunming Raided

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

INDO-CHINA BASE, Feb. 27 (Dome).—Formations of Japanese naval aircraft on Wednesday afternoon carried out air attacks on Kunming, capital of Yunnan Province, inflicting heavy damage upon various military objectives, announces the Japanese South China Fleet Command.

The Japanese raiders made concentrated attacks on Chinese warehouses in the western section of the Yunnan capital and set them on fire, while other units bombed military establishments in the suburbs of the city.

Despite intensive enemy anti-aircraft fire, all Japanese planes safely returned, the announcement claimed.

## Anglo-Spanish Accord On Status of Tangier

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuters).—The Spanish Government has given an assurance that there will be no fortification of the Tangier Zone.

This declaration was made in the House of Commons to-day by Mr R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, when answering questions on the Tangier position.

The British Ambassador in Madrid, Mr Butler continued, had now concluded discussions with the Spanish Government. The arrangements reached safeguarded the existing personal rights of British subjects in Tangier and guaranteed the continued functioning of existing British institutions and of the British press.

British officials of the International Administration who had been displaced would be fully and generously compensated for their loss of office. A special economic and financial regime would be applied in Tangier generally, similar to that which existed at present.

## No Fortification

Declaring that the Spanish Government had given an assurance that there would be no fortification of the zone, Mr Butler intimated that it was agreed that if at any time the Mixed Tribunal should cease to function, the Consular Court would be re-established and fully recognised. By these arrangements, Mr Butler added, the present economic and legal rights of British subjects in Tangier should be adequately safeguarded pending a final settlement.

## Special Interests

The British Government had recognised the special interest of the Spanish Government in the Tangier Zone and also that it was not possible at the moment for the signatories of the relevant international instruments to enter into negotiation.

Thus the British Government maintained their protest against the original action of the Spanish Government and had reserved their rights under the treaties in force. The Spanish Government had similarly reserved their position.

## R. A. F. Pound Northern French Ports

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuters).—For the second day in succession, R.A.F. bombers and fighters have taken part in an important offensive over the Channel and Northern France.

It is described in an Air Ministry communique issued to-night which says: "This afternoon a squadron of R.A.F. bombers, escorted by fighters, attacked the docks at Calais while fighters carried out an offensive trip over the Channel and Northern France."

"There was considerable anti-aircraft gunfire but very few enemy aircraft were encountered. At Calais hits were observed on the quayside and jetties of the tidal harbour."

"One fighter aircraft is missing from these operations."

## Germany Also Bombed

LONDON, Feb. 26 (UP).—An Air Ministry communique says, "Last night considerable numbers of aircraft attacked industrial targets in the Ruhr district and aerodromes in occupied France."

Separate attacks were also made on Boulogne, Dunkirk and Calais. "Yesterday at daylight, our planes attacked the submarine assembly and repair depot at Flushing." One British bomber is missing.

## Boulogne Singled Out

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" DOVER, Feb. 26 (UP).—Large, flashes lit up the sky over the mist covering the Straits indicating that the R.A.F. is again attacking the invasion ports simultaneously with German raids on Britain.

Searchlights and bursting anti-aircraft shells increased the illuminations. Observers said that the biggest flashes came from the Boulogne area.

## Taranto Raid Damage Fully Confirmed

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuters).—The damage done to the Italian Fleet by the British Fleet Air Arm at Taranto as announced by the Admiralty has been fully confirmed by subsequent reports. Mr A. V. Alexander, First Lord of the Admiralty, revealed when questioned on the subject in the House of Commons to-day.

Mr Alexander disclosed that one battleship of the Cavore class had apparently been abandoned as a total loss. Another vessel of this class and a Vittorio class battleship were badly damaged and were still out of action. There was no further information regarding the two cruisers which were shown by aerial photograph to be lying to starboard and surrounded by oil fuel, or the two big auxiliary ships lying with their sterns under water.

## WEATHER IMPEDES FIGHTING

On Albanian Front

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuters).—Snowstorms and heavy rains still continue to impede operations on a wide scale in Albania, according to dispatches from the front quoted by the Athens radio.

The Greeks, however, maintain the initiative in minor engagements and patrol activity, and some prisoners belonging to Alpine units have been captured. The Italians have taken no initiative either on land or sea.

British and Greek aircraft have been very active in the battle zone.

## Italians Stimulated

It is stated that Italian officers captured confirm that the Blackshirts systematically fire on their own advanced infantry in order to prevent their retreating.

The Athens radio also stated that in the order of the day of the General in command of the Italian Eleventh Army, contained the following: "We must attack and not merely counter-attack."

## Artillery Taken

ATHENS, Feb. 26 (Reuters).—Material captured from the Italians to date includes 130 field guns, over 100 heavy guns, 1,500 mortars, a very large quantity of cartridges and hand grenades.

This is announced by the official news agency, which adds that much of this material is now being used against the Italians.

It has already been announced that Italian prisoners number over 20,000.

## Thailand And Russia Diplomatic Relations Negotiations

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, Feb. 26 (UP).—The Thai Minister, M. Pamon Thairai, in an interview here to-day, said that he had carried on successful talks with the Soviet authorities which will lead to the groundwork for the establishment of diplomatic and commercial relations.

He asserted that the negotiations will continue in Berlin between the Thai Minister and the Soviet Ambassador.

M. Montri goes to Berlin to-night and will return to Moscow next week enroute to Thailand.

A Thai delegation is expected here shortly to complete the negotiations.

## War Supply

Eastern Group Council Functions Defined

NEW DELHI, Feb. 26 (Reuters).—At question time in the Assembly to-day a Government spokesman said that the newly-appointed Eastern Group Supply Council, formed as the result of the Eastern Group Conference, would, broadly speaking, receive demands for supplies from overseas forces and the governments of the Eastern Group countries, and arrange to have them met, if possible, within the Eastern Group.

The Council would work through the governments of the various countries concerned. Its decisions were not mandatory to the Raj nor would they be placed before the Assembly for discussion in case they were accepted by the Raj.

## Turkish Envoy In Chungking

Visiting Shanghai Briefly

CHUNGKING, Feb. 26 (Central News).—Since his arrival here on February 19, Mr Emin Ali Spahli, Turkish Minister to China, has called on Dr H. H. Kung, Vice-President of the Executive Yuan, and Minister of Finance, Dr Wang Chung-hui, Minister of Foreign Affairs, General Pai Chung-hsi, Vice-Chief of General Staff, Mr Chang Kia-ngau, Minister of Communications, and Dr Wong Wen-hao, Minister of Economic Affairs. He will also see Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek.

The Turkish envoy will take a trip to Shanghai but will return to Chungking shortly.

## COTTON CONTROL IN BRITAIN

Service Needs Ensured

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuters).—A warning of coming sacrifices as the result of the reduction by half of raw cotton imports this season was contained in a statement by the cotton controller, Sir Percy Ashley, in Manchester.

Sir Percy said: "Fortunately, the stocks have been maintained but a substantial cut in the use of cotton is unavoidable. The main concern now is to ensure that supplies are closely adjusted to the requirements the industry is called on to meet in the demands of the services, other essential demands and the export trade."

## Distribution of Stock

The distribution of limited supplies of raw cotton to the spinning mills and the allocation of supplies for government requirements, export trade and other purposes are the chief problems now facing the industry, added Sir Percy.

Discussion is already taking place with trade representatives. An early decision is expected.

## NORWEGIAN SPY SYSTEM

Broken By Nazis

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 26 (Reuters).—Over 200 persons have been arrested in connection with an espionage case in Norway, according to reports received here.

The authorities now believe that they have broken up an extensive spy system in West Norway, where passive resistance is very strong.

The Bergen Police Chief has issued a stern warning against contravention of orders regarding propaganda in favour of the King and the Royal Family.

Sabotage persists despite severe penalties.

A German Court Martial at Bergen yesterday sentenced ten Norwegians to death after a trial lasting three weeks.

## Fighters Send Nazis Home

Alarm In London

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuters).—British fighters routed a small formation of enemy planes trying to reach London in daylight to-day and sent them scurrying back to their bases.

An alert was sounded in the London area but none of the raiders even reached the outskirts of the capital.

## Casualties In Kent

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuters).—Only a few bombs were dropped by enemy aircraft to-day, and these were mainly over the coastal districts of Kent and East Anglia, says an Air Ministry communique to-night. It adds that the damage was slight, but at one place in Kent there was a small number of casualties.

## All-Clear

LONDON, Feb. 26 (UP).—The all clear signal was sounded in the London area after a brief alarm sounded when 20 German planes crossed the southeast coast, headed for London, but veered off to the westward before they reached the Capital.

## Second All Clear

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LONDON, Feb. 26 (UP).—The second all clear signal was sounded early Thursday morning after scattered anti-aircraft gunfire and searchlights had probed the star-studded sky over several London districts. Earlier, fares, incendiary and high explosive bombs were dropped on a West England town which damaged houses and caused one casualty.

High explosives and incendiary bombs were dropped in one London district where rescuers are probing the debris to search for trapped residents. Fire spotters quickly doused the fires and the anti-aircraft gunfire was heavy. Bombs were dropped on several south-east coastal districts including rural areas. The bombers drew heavy anti-aircraft fire when they crossed the coast at a number of points.

## DUTCH SHIP FOR OUR WOUNDED

BATAVIA, Feb. 27 (Reuters).—The British Government has gratefully accepted an offer by the Netherlands East Indies Government to put the new Dutch luxury liner, Oranje, at the disposal of the British authorities for the care of sick and wounded troops in the Near East.

Preparations are already well under way to convert the liner into a hospital ship following consultations among British, Dutch, Australian and New Zealand representatives.

The Oranje is a vessel of 10,000 tons and was completed in 1930.

SINGAPORE, Feb. 26 (Reuters).—A total of \$5,000,000 (Straits) was to-day reached by the publicly-subscribed Straits Settlements War Fund for the purchase of bombers for the R.A.F.



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# "Pilgrim's" Hockey Notes Combination Among Forwards

## Methods Of Passing To Spread-Eagle Defence

### Speed And Efficiency

BROADLY SPEAKING, the wing forwards (with their inners) should work in pairs until nearing their opponents' "25", thus giving the centre-forward plenty of room. The latter will instinctively edge over towards the wing that has the ball, and at the "25" or thereabouts, the wing-men should grasp an early opportunity of passing fairly hard or with an accurate flick to the centre.

The three inners, by then, will have got into a more central position in order to harass the defence a *triois*. The centre-half should also be in attendance.

The flick, like most other passes to forwards, should be made a yard wide of the man to whom the pass is going to allow for his taking the ball in his stride. In this, the defence becomes more exhausted than by square or direct passes which allow time for opponents to discover their positions as a whole.

The object of every player when the ball comes along is to get it under immediate control, which normally means stopping it almost dead. Forwards, particularly when passing among themselves, should learn to trap the ball and take it on with them all in one movement. When receiving a pass from behind, however, it is nearly always best for the forward to stop it dead, even at the expense of speed, for if the ball is only half stopped, an opposing half or back may take possession.

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#### ANNUAL RACE MEETING, 1941

Postponed to—  
Third Day — Monday, 24th February  
Fourth Day — Tuesday, 25th February  
Fifth Day — Saturday, 1st March  
On Monday 24th and Tuesday 25th February, the first race will be rung at 11.00 a.m., and the first race will be rung at 11.30 a.m. On Saturday, 1st March, the first race will be rung at 1.30 p.m., and the first race will be rung at 2.00 p.m.  
The time interval will be after the fifth race on the third and fourth days.

**MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURES**  
Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.  
**NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.**

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.00 per day including tax—or \$40.00 including tax for the Meeting (ladies \$5.00 and \$20.00 respectively) are obtainable through the Secretary upon the written or personal introduction of a member, such member to be responsible for all bills, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the Race Course.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, EXCHANGE BUILDING, (Tel. 27794) WILL CLOSE AT 9.45 a.m. ON THE FIRST FOUR DAYS, and at 11.45 a.m. ON THE FIFTH DAY.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable each day at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box, (Tel. 21020).

**NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.**

**PUBLIC ENCLOSURE**  
The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2.00 per day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in uniform are admitted to the Public Enclosure at \$1.00 per day including tax.

Bookmakers, Tie Tac men, etc., will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Timings will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

**SERVANTS' PASSES**  
Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st floor, Exchange Building.

Any persons found loitering with Servants' passes in their possession will forfeit the same and will be removed from the Enclosure.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,  
Secretary.  
Hongkong, 10th February, 1941.

### Colony Tennis Entries

Entries for the Colony's Open Lawn Tennis Championships, which will this year be held in aid of the S. C. M. Post-Bomber Fund after deducting expenses, will close on Saturday, March 1, at 6 p.m.

Halves usually have to take the ball coming to them while they are running, since forwards are inevitably harassing them from behind. This is undoubtedly the most difficult way of taking the ball on any ground, except one unusually smooth, and if there is no forward in pursuit, a half, especially a wing half, should endeavour to steady himself before taking over.

### First Timers

SOMETIMES it is possible, even advisable, to hit the ball without stopping it—this is called a "first-timer" as it is called. This is always risky, but the advantage gained from the saving of time is sometimes worth the risk.

This particularly applies to a forward within the circle, for often, if he misses it he is no worse off than he would have been had he stopped it before shooting—because it is most doubtful if he would have sufficient time to complete the operation.

### Soccer

## 12th Battery Easily Beat Medicals

In a third division soccer match at the Valley yesterday 12th Battery defeated Medical Corps 6-1. The losers were overwhelmed in the first half but after positional changes did much better and conceded only one goal. Early in the game 12th Battery opened the scoring for Gunners and shortly after Roache added a second. This reversal upset Medicals and before the interval they were five goals in arrears. Brown, Roache and Robertson adding the goals.

In the second half Medicals, with both wingers as inside men, opened their score and although they had more of the play could not reduce the deficit.

## British Army Beat Interporters 3-1

LAST TUESDAY on the Club ground at King's Park, the British Army, fielding a weaker team than that which defeated the Club a fortnight ago, accounted for the Interporters by 3-1. Notable features of the game were the Army's fine attack and the weakness of the Colony's last line of defence.

The Army forwards, led by Hitchcock—who completed his "hat-trick"—played a grand game and led by one goal at the interval. Army re-commenced at a great pace in the second half and the Interporters' defence collapsed under the strain of continued pressure.

The two goals scored during this period were the product of orthodox movements. Shaw, at inside-left, was the brains of the attack, who made those splendid openings for Hitchcock to find his mark.

Army also forced a good many short corners, always a sign of a defence being hustled. The Army halves and backs, among whom Waldron and Anderson continually caught the eye, were generally able to prevent the Interporters' attack from progressing further than the half-way line.

### Weaknesses

APART from the last fifteen minutes when Osoilo was badly hurt and had to retire, which necessitated E. Fowler filling his place at inside-left, the Colony team was never in the picture. The inclusion of Fowler strengthened the attack immensely, and the forwards went near to scoring on several occasions.

## Random Jottings

### Opponents On View

OUR INTERPORT OP-  
PONENTS were on view against Recreo last Sunday, and, considering that they have played very little hockey this season, gave a very good display against one of the best teams in the local League.

Mr C. Braga, Secretary of the Macao Hockey Club, indicated that his boys had had a rough trip to Hongkong and though they took fully half an hour to settle down, he was pleased with their display.

Three youngsters, G. Silva, S. Ferreira and R. Angelo, were seen in action, and the first-named will probably be making his debut in the Interport game against Hongkong. He has the makings of a fine player, right. He is only 18 and possesses speed and good ball control, and all he needs is more experience. This he will acquire in due course.

Last Sunday's result might be encouraging to our selectors, but they must remember that our visitors were without the services of their best player and, incidentally, the captain of the team, L. Costa, who hopes to recover from an illness in time for the big game. With his inclusion and F. Rosario—who is also at present on the sick list—in their defence, Macao will take some beating on their home ground.

Summing up, I must admit that Macao is in the same predicament as ourselves. They have a strong defence but a weak attack. It is, therefore, up to the Selectors to strengthen the Colony attack.

OF the four Interport selections included in the Recreo team, R. Marques was the most outstanding, with W. A. Reed the second best. J. Goncalves was fortunate in having the former as his partner, because Marques was quick with his recovery and covered his partner well.

Tony Alves was his usual self and kept a good check on the speedy F. Nolasco.

DUE to his good display last Sunday, B. Gosano was included as leader for the Colony team against the British Army on Tuesday. He is fast, and, being a footballer, always on the alert, but lacks that something which is essential to all forwards—stick-work.

E. L. "Doc" Gosano was unable to turn out for Recreo against Macao as he is dislocated in his shoulder. It is rather unfortunate that Recreo seem to be losing some of their best players when they are so near to winning the H.K.H.A. championship.

and went further behind when Roache scored again.  
F.A.M.C.—Foster; Entwistle; Smith; Collins; Loyne; Florence; Churchman; Ross; Webb; Beaton; Parker.  
R.A.—Westwood; Lane; Cook; Murray; Benson; Richardson; Roache; Thackeray; Brown; Byre; Robertson.

The only goal in these minutes was scored by G. Singh after Dove had made a partial clearance off a drive from Fowler.

Our halves, Marques, W. A. Reed and N. Whitley, though thoroughly over-worked, were up to the mark, but a strong half-back line, shadowed by a weak back division cannot make a team.

Why N. Whitley has not been experimented with at left back, and A. M. Alves as a left wing-half, leaves me dumb-founded. Benwell is one of the Selectors, who, in goal, has played behind Bond and J. Goncalves more than half a dozen times, but he fails to discover this weakness. It is bad enough to have one slow back, but to include another makes it worse.

### Taken To Task

IT is about time our Selectors, Mr K. Hussain and Mr V. M. Benwell, got down to brass tacks. It is up to them to field the best team available and they have so far failed in their important task. They have very limited time to make amends in improving our team, which all enthusiasts are anxious to see win at least one match before the Interport.

What we need is a fairly good all-round team capable of beating Macao, and I ask the Selectors for the last time to "go to it."

## Macao Held to Draw By Club de Recreo

### Practically Interport XI

AT KING'S PARK last Sunday, Macao, fielding practically their Interport eleven, were held to a 2-2 draw by Club de Recreo—the latter being one of the two undefeated Clubs in the H.K.H.A. League.

Though it was a keen fast game, Macao, in the estimation of many, should have won, as the third goal scored by Albert Airoso seemed legitimate but was disallowed for sticks.

It commenced at a terrific pace. Recreo attacked at the start, and Macao defenders had difficulty in keeping them out. After 25 minutes of keen exchanges, however, Recreo took the lead through J. Fonseca, and this lead they held until just before half-time when P. Angelo broke through to equalise.

In the second half, young G. Silva was seen at inside right instead of F. Ramalho, and Macao did most of the attacking. The inside trio of Silva, Angelo and A. Airoso played well together, and from a breakaway, A. Airoso cleverly beat the home defence to put the visitors in the lead with a fast rising shot.

This lead, however, was short-lived, for at the other end, B. Gosano, receiving the ball on the run,

equalised with a grand shot that completely beat Almada.

### Fine Defence

In the closing stages, the visiting defence played brilliantly. Alex Airoso, in particular, as pivot, displayed fine anticipation and good stickwork. His brother, Albert, made a praise-worthy effort to give Macao victory when he actually scored, but the goal was disallowed.

Basto was the best back and Almada in goal gave a fine exhibition. During the last period, Recreo were penned in their own half, but their defence managed to hold out. R. Marques, at right back, played splendidly, getting good assistance from P. Yanovich and W. A. Reed in the half line. B. Gosano and J. Fonseca were the pick of the forwards.

With the exception of the one major decision, the game was efficiently controlled by Mr K. Hussain and Cpl Hodge.

## Seven-a-side Rugger Tournery Nears Its End

### Police "A" Eliminated

SURPRISES in the four rugger matches of the Blarney Stone Seven-a-side Tournament yesterday were the elimination of the Police "A", last year's runners-up, and the defeat of the Bank by Tamar and S/S.

## Cambridge Beat Oxford At Hockey

LONDON, Jan.—Cambridge beat Oxford in a hockey match at Oxford by four goals to one.

Play at the beginning of the game was even, but Cambridge gradually gained the upper hand, and after 15 minutes C. E. Johnson scored with a brilliant shot.

Two minutes later a mistake by an Oxford back allowed T.C.L. Parry to score Cambridge's second goal, and although Oxford played up well, Cambridge had retained their lead of two goals at half-time.

In the second of the play, and further goals were scored by J. R. Bridger and Johnson.

Oxford then rallied, and as the result of a good run B. H. Sims scored their only goal.

## Sunday Shoot Arranged By Middlesex

Middlesex have arranged a shoot at Kewloon City on Sunday, under the auspices of the Hongkong Rifle Association. The events will be divided into three classes, rifle, individual, rifle team, revolver. The individual contest will be on a 200 and 500 yards and will consist of a convertible sighting shot and 10 rounds to count. Prizes will be a Middlesex silver spoon to the highest aggregate in classes A, B, C and D, a Hongkong-Singapore Artillery silver spoon to the highest handicap aggregate in all four classes, and a silver spoon to each winner of a sealed envelope competition at 200 and 500 yards.

**Team Contest**  
The team contest will be for teams of six from affiliated clubs, which may enter as many teams as they wish. Only net scores will count. Entrance card is \$1. Small clubs may nominate a team, but all team members must be nominated and cards initiated either by the Secretary, Treasurer or the Assistant Secretary, before being accepted.

The revolver contest will consist of six rounds in six seconds at 10 yards and six rounds in 10 seconds at 15 yards. A Middlesex silver spoon will be awarded to the winner with the highest net aggregate.

Shooting will start at 8.45 a.m., and the sale of tickets will cease at 9 a.m. Firing must be with service rifles as issued, but sights may be slackened and elbow-pads worn. The use of the wind gauge or sling is forbidden. No com-

In the first match, Butterfield and Swire won by 4-3, after a scoreless first half. Fine defensive play by Upton and Matthews featured the first half, but early in the second period Hutchinson dropped a great goal from 35 yards.

Police, despite great efforts, could do no better than a try when Wright-Nooch touched down wide of the posts.

Teams were:  
Butterfield and Swire—J. C. C. Matthews; V. G. H. Upton, J. Hutchinson; J. Menev; T. M. Macrae, H. G. Galloway and G. B. Godfrey.

Police "A"—Howlett; Reynolds; G. S. Nelson; Wright-Nooch; Dempsey, Cullinan and Jones.

**Bank Beaten**  
TAMAR AND SMALL SHIPS won by 6-0 after a scoreless first half. Both of the tries were excellent efforts by Bowden and Paul. The latter was the first to notch points when he touched down between the posts. The kick was charged down by Aitkenhead.

Bowden's try, in the closing minutes, was featured by an amazing run that circled the Bank players and left them standing. Paul failed with the kick.

Teams were:  
Tamar and S/S—Kennedy; Paul; Carter; Bowden; Flynn, King and Wilson.

### 8th Heavy Win

TWO TRIES from Capt. Hook gave the 8th Heavy Regt R.A. a 6-0 victory over Combined Small Units "A". The first try was the result of a burst through the centre, and the second was following a passing bout at Small Units' end of the field.

Teams were:  
8th—Jenny; Richards; Marsh and Richards (side); Hook; Cook, McDermott and Turner.

Small Units "A"—MacDonald; Pratt; Hamlin; Morgan; Clifton; Chandler and Molan.

**Club "B" Beaten**  
MIDDLESEX "B" beat Club "B" 5-3 after leading 5-0 at the interval. Middlesex took the lead when Freshwater evaded four tackles to score wide of the posts, and then added the points with a fine kick.

Lavalle touched down for Club wide of the posts, but Stout failed with the kick.

Teams were:  
Middlesex—"B" Sheehan; Freshwater; Ferguson; Murgelridge; Gilham; Burrell and A. N. The first try was the result of a burst through the centre, and the second was following a passing bout at Small Units' end of the field.

Club "B"—Lavalle; Wilson; F. Clemen; Stoker; Olson, Stout and Benn.

**"Y" Annual Meeting**  
The annual general meeting of the European Y.M.C.A. Swimming section will be held to-morrow Friday, 8.30 p.m. in the West Lounge. All interested are welcome to attend.

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## TURKEY

### British Confidence In Ally Stated

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—When asked in the House of Commons to-day whether the British Government was completely satisfied with the way the Turkish Allies were carrying out their agreement, Mr. R. A. Butler (Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs) replied, "Yes."

Mr. Butler added that the British Government had been kept fully informed of the negotiations leading up to the Turkish-Bulgarian Agreement. He drew attention to the preamble of the agreement, which states that the agreement was without prejudice to the two countries' contractual engagements with other parties.

**To-morrow's Conference**  
ANKARA, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—The calls which Mr. Anthony Eden and General Sir John Dill paid this afternoon were largely for the purpose of making contact.

Statesmen and generals will begin the real business to-morrow when they review the position of the Balkans and Mediterranean as it affects Britain and Turkey.

The close contact which the British Ambassador has maintained with Mr. Sarıojulu (Turkish Foreign Minister) the recent visit of the British Military Mission and their discussions with the Turkish General Staff, have prepared the ground.

Mr. Eden will not so much initiate the talks as carry on the discussions which have been proceeding for some time.

**Germans Concerned**  
The visit of the British Foreign Secretary and the Chief of Imperial Staff is causing considerable concern among the German colony here; the Germans are declaring that Britain is attempting to put pressure on the Turks but this assertion is denied in the Turkish press.

## Dead Nazi Honoured By Friend And Foe

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—One of the best-known U-boat commanders of the last war, Vice-Admiral Lothar de la Perriere, the German naval commander for occupied territory, met with a fatal accident on Monday. It is announced in Berlin to-day.

Admiral Raeder, Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Fleet, to-day paid warm tribute to the dead man whom, he declared, "was honoured by friend and foe alike."

## Letters From Occupied France On Miseries Of Population

CHUNGKING, Feb. 27 (Reuter).—Interesting information on conditions in Occupied France is contained in lengthy correspondence given prominence in the "Ta Kung Pao."

A letter published by the paper stated: "Although France to-day is not at war, the sufferings of her people far surpass the conditions when France was at war."

The people begin to wonder what they are suffering for. They are willing to undergo hardships if they themselves are fighting.

"The German troops in occupied France are estimated at 80 divisions or approximately 1,000,000 men. They are clothed, fed and housed in France. French factories are turning out aeroplanes and guns for Germany which is also collecting and transporting all farm products back to Germany."

"Millions of unredeemable marks are circulated in France for the purchase of French products. Letters and telegrams between the occupied and unoccupied areas are forbidden. Clothing shortage in Occupied France is acute, there being no new shipments of materials, particularly woollen goods. In winter, the shops are only displaying summer and spring clothing."

**Sent To Germany**

"German troops have bought up all silk stockings and cosmetics, which have been sent back to Germany. Food is rationed, each person being allowed daily 250 grammes of bread. No meat is permitted on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. On the remaining four days, each person is allowed 60 grammes of meat."

"Oil is rationed at 100 grammes a week, sugar 500 grammes a month. Pork cannot be found since the Germans are said to be particularly fond of it. All pigs are shipped to Germany."

"There are 1,383,000 residents in Paris. There is no housing shortage but there is no coal, making the winter unendurable. A strict blackout is enforced throughout the occupied territories."

## Nazi Troops In North Africa

**SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"**  
LONDON, Feb. 26 (UP).—Military circles are of the opinion that small German motorized elements are operating south of Benghazi, but that no large scale engagement is imminent.

## Antonescu Betrays Poles: Britain Promises To Act

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Britain has entered a most vigorous protest against the sending of interned Polish soldiers in Rumania to Germany.

Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, revealed this in the House of Commons to-day when he characterised the action as a violation of International Law.

On January 31, he added, competent Rumanian authorities informed the Chilean Legation, who are in charge of Polish interests in Rumania, that all interned Polish soldiers would be sent to Germany immediately.

A protest was lodged by the Chilean Charge d'Affaires and the British Minister in Bucharest vigorously supported the protest. The only explanation given by the Rumanian Government was that they regarded the question as a purely internal matter which they were not prepared to discuss.

Sir Reginald Hoare immediately expressed the strongest disapproval to this attitude. Subsequently on instructions from London, he formally notified the Rumanian Government that if so base an act were permitted, the British Government would not forget that General Antonescu and the members of his Government bore personal responsibility.

When the British Minister left Bucharest, it was understood that the Rumanian Government had at least temporarily delayed action, but there is some reason to suppose that it may now have taken place.

The House of Commons cheered when Sir William Lushon declared that there would be no satisfaction in Britain at the vigour of the British protest.

## NAZIS IN HAINAN

### Advisers for The Japanese Armies

SHANGHAI, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—A contingent of over 80 German and Italian advisers has arrived at Hainan Island off French Indo-China, according to unconfirmed Chinese press reports.

It is stated that they are being organized into five groups to assist the Japanese forces to map out plans for an advance to the south.

The same reports state that more than 100 Japanese warships, including destroyers, submarines and two aircraft carriers, are concentrating around Hainan Island, Tongking Bay and the adjoining islands.

Some 80,000 fresh Japanese troops, it is added, were detailed recently to Formosa and Hainan.

## HINDU SUPPORT OF BRITAIN

### Recruitment Policy

MADRAS, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—A hope that in a very short time the political deadlock in the country would be resolved and with India's willing support, Great Britain would promptly defeat her enemies, was expressed by the General Secretary of the Hindu Mahasabha, the premier Hindu communal organisation and counterpart of the Muslim League.

The Secretary, who is having discussions with a number of leading politicians, declared that the Mahasabha had already decided to take advantage of the situation and help the militarisation and industrialisation of India and therefore felt that it was one with the British Government in the matter of the defence of India.

### Militarisation Boards

Mahasabhas throughout the country had been ordered to set up Hindu Militarisation Boards and to take up the work in earnest. Intensive propaganda would be carried out in support of recruitment of Hindu youths for the Army, Navy and Air Force and also to maintain contact with recruiting officers.

## Islam Press Sides With Democracy

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—A special commentary in a Palestine Arab newspaper—the "Touqan"—on February 21 writes, "the Arab shares with the sons of Britain the same feelings regarding political facts and issues, and observes that the policy of dictatorial powers is based on despotism and tyranny, and notices that the British policy is founded on mutual respect and striving to help weak nations to rise and prosper."

"The Arabs are well aware that nationalism can neither grow nor exist under a dictatorial regime where thoughts and actions, permeated with the idea of racial superiority, are driving them to annihilate nationalism."

"The Arabs feel it in their interests to march side by side with Britain in this war, offering all available help in the glorious struggle, bearing in mind that democracy is consistent with the principles of the Arabs' Islam."

## U. S. ARMY AND NAVY NEEDS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—An immediate outlay of \$1,533,000,000 in cash and contract authorisation for the Army and Navy is recommended by the Appropriations Committee of the House of Representatives.

This includes funds to develop naval and air stations at Guam and Samoa. The Navy share of this expenditure—\$836,000,000—also covers the initial cost of constructing 400 submarine chasers and other small craft, and will enable delivery by the end of 1943 of 55 more destroyers than originally planned.

The bulk of the Army's \$697,000,000 is earmarked for construction, including cantonment and other housing projects.

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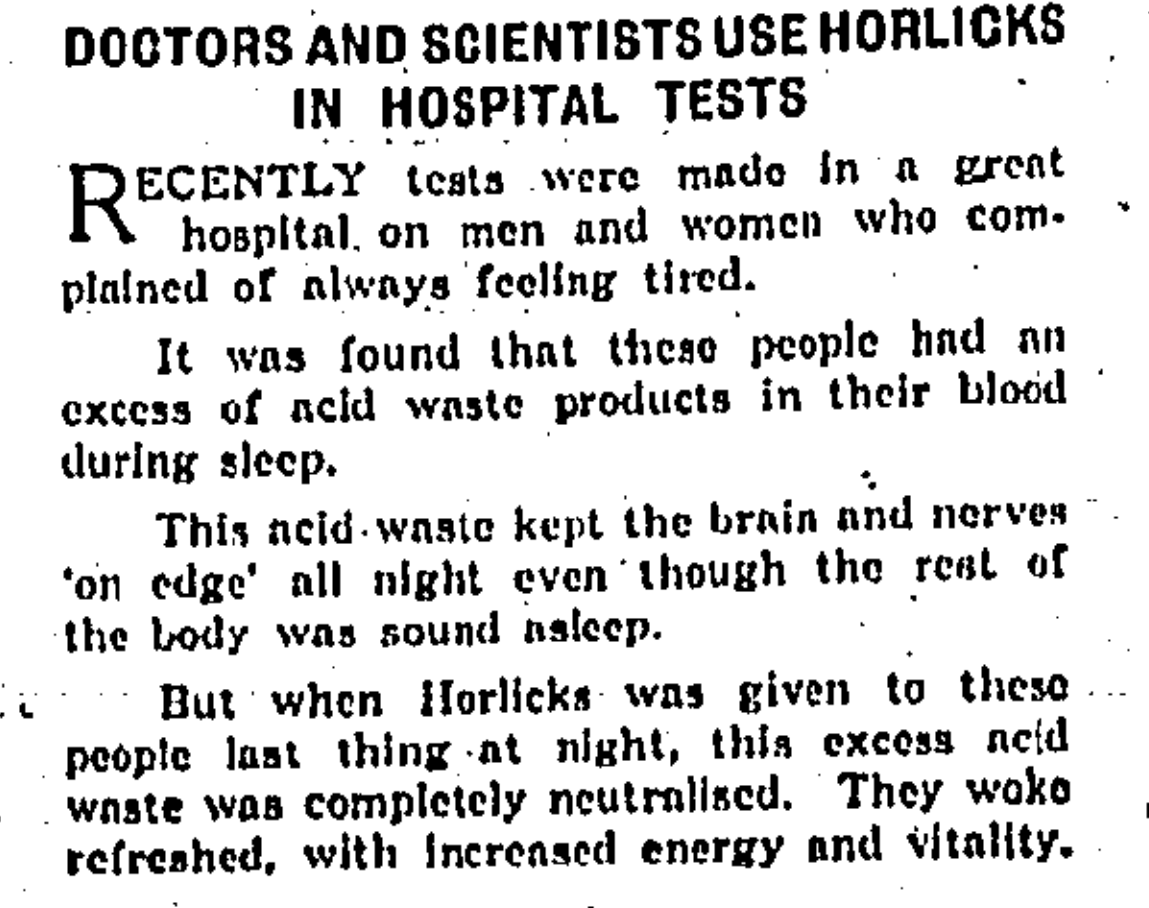
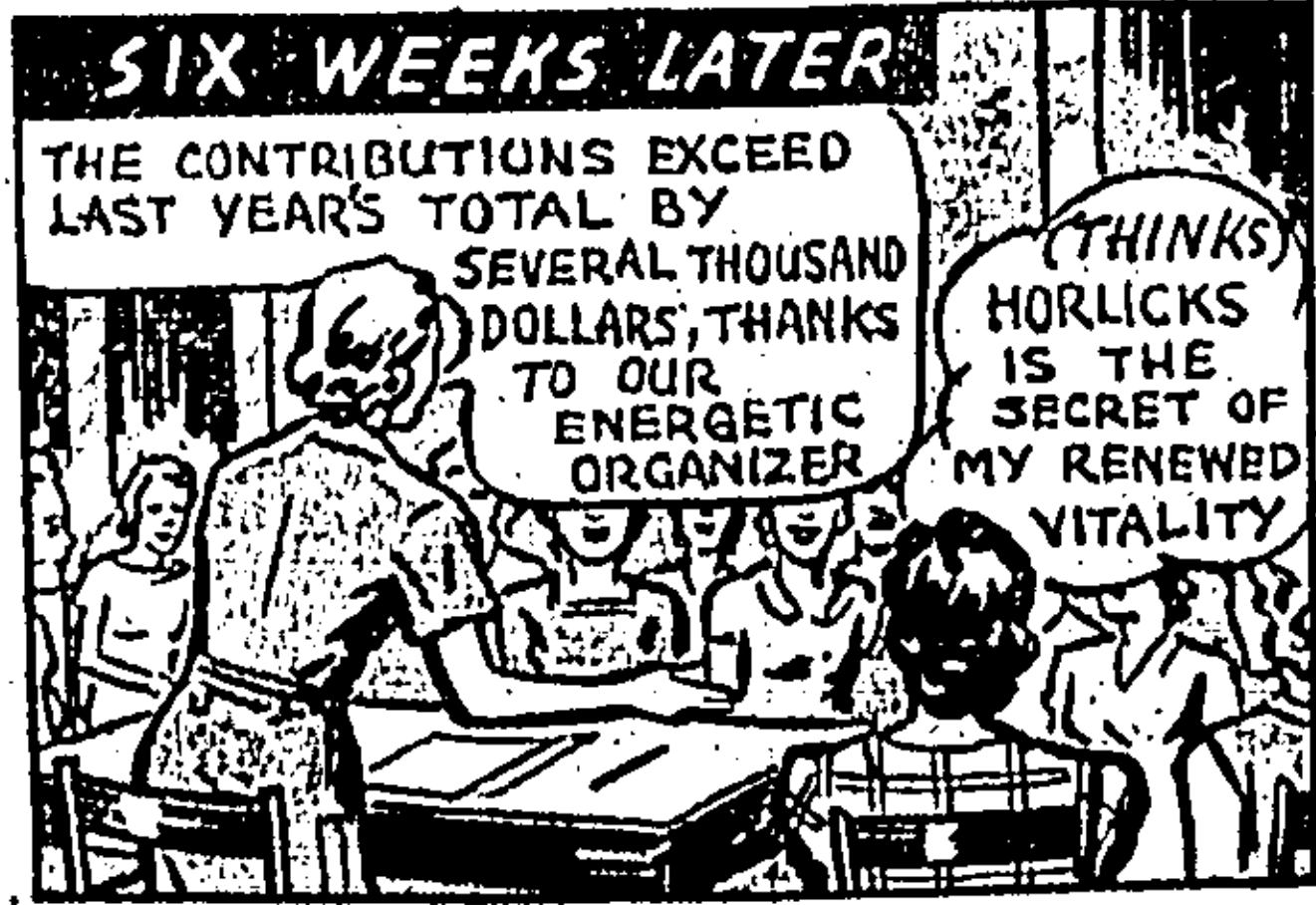
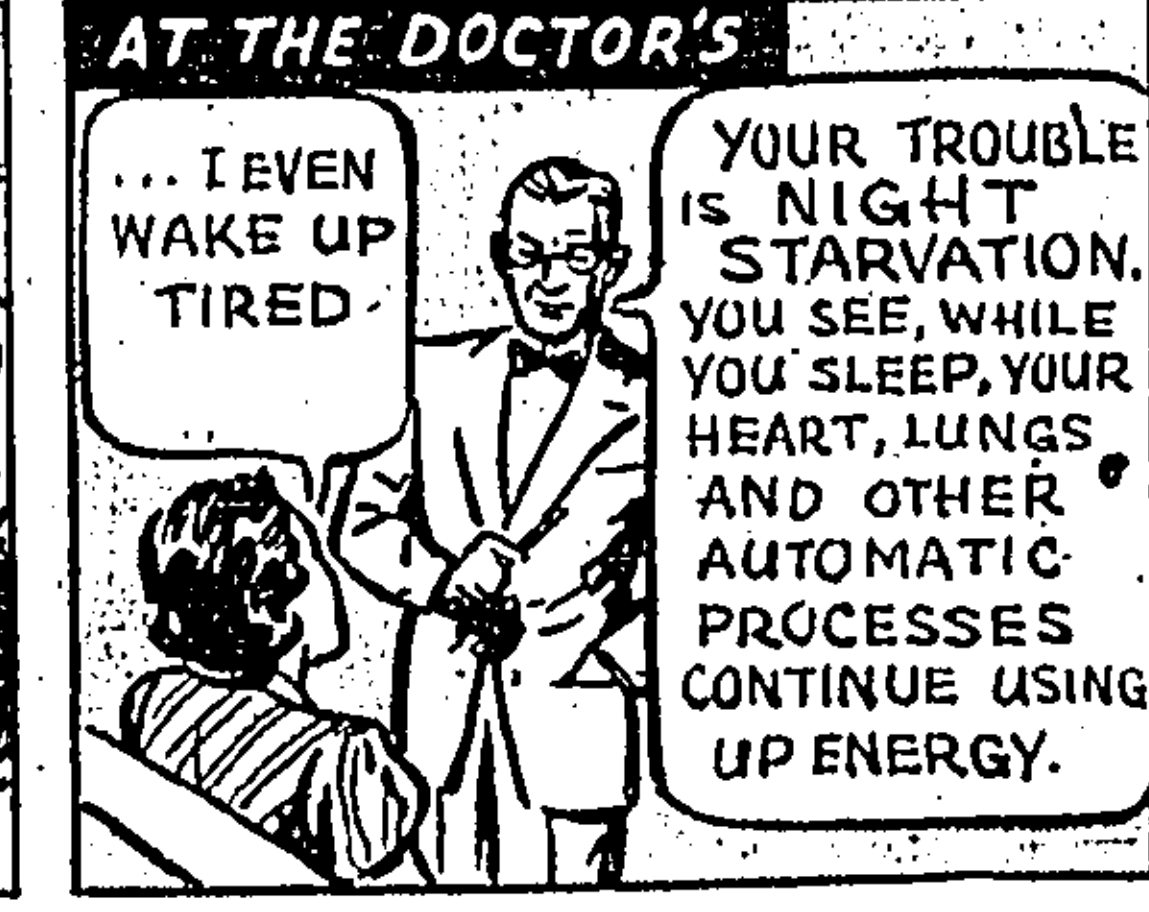
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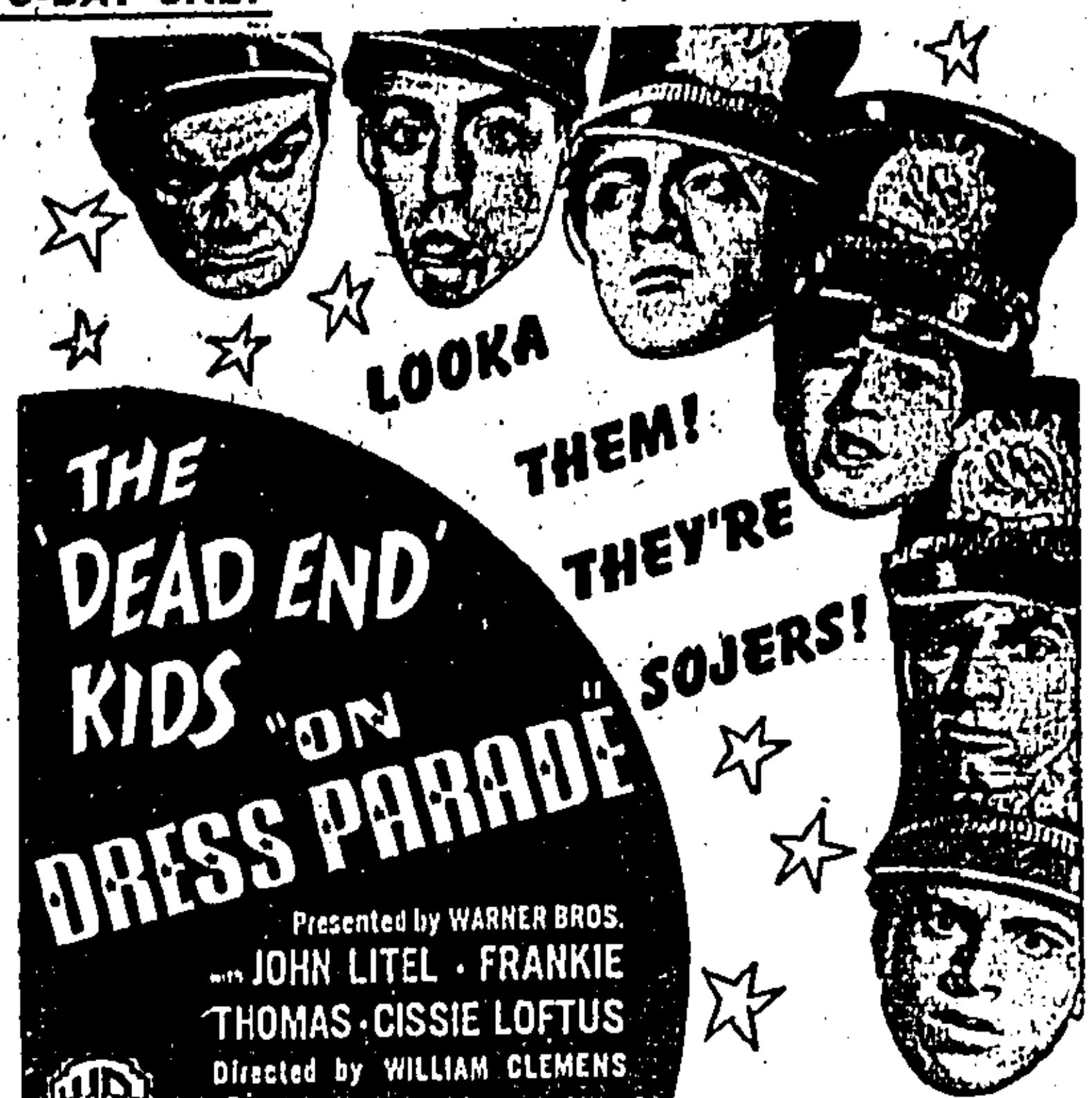
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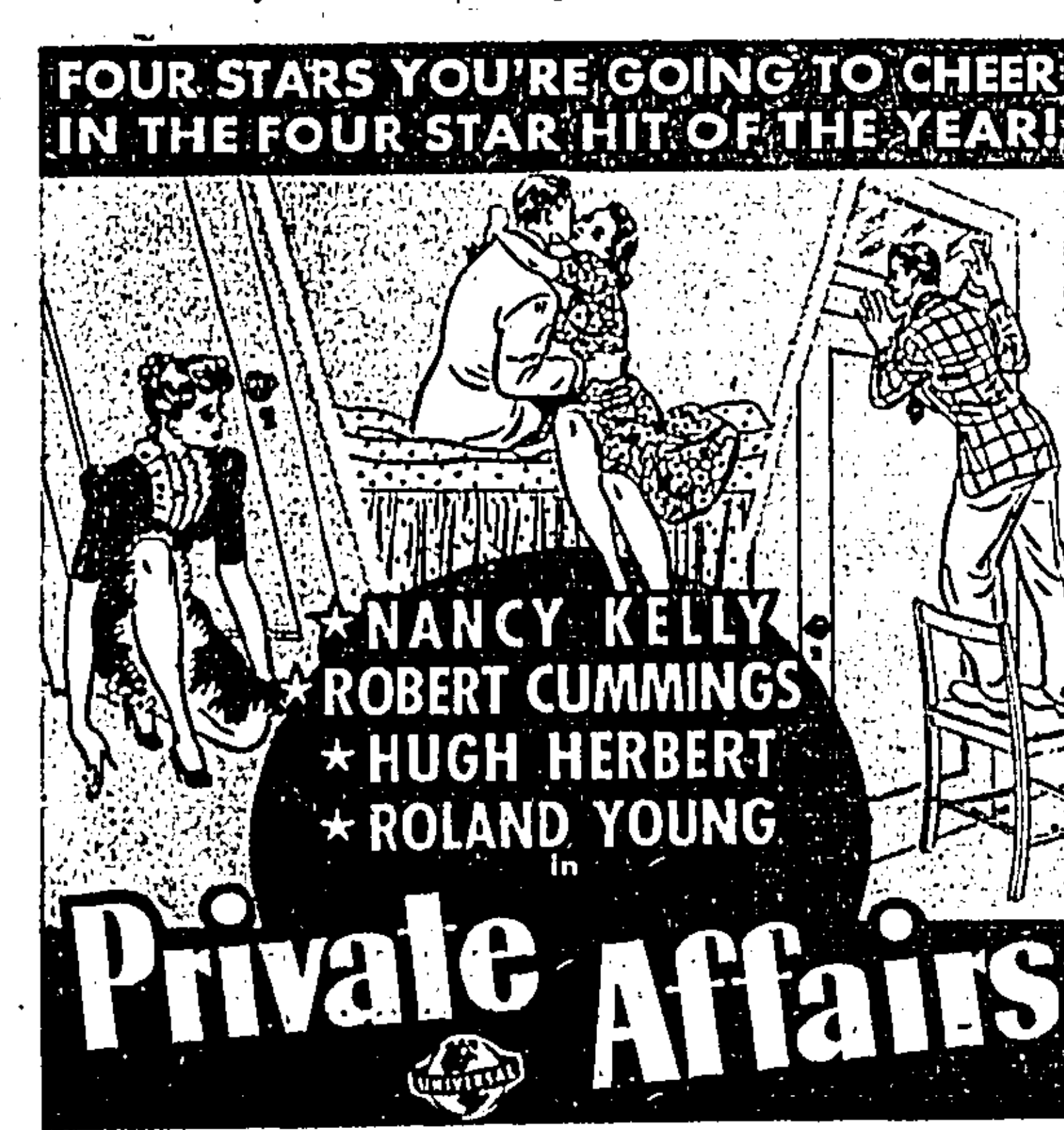


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## 'Curry That Corned Beef' Matsuoka Visit to Moscow

LONDON, Feb. 26 (Reuter).—Japanese circles in Shanghai assert that the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Matsuoka, will shortly visit Moscow to sign an agreement with the Soviet, the Shanghai correspondent of a Free French Agency reports.

The agreement is said to provide for the demilitarisation of the Soviet-Manchukuo frontier: The rectification of that frontier in Russia's favour, and the modification of the Treaty of Portsmouth, placing of Japan's southward expansion, Japanese economic privileges on the Manchuria and fishing rights in the agree with the Soviet.

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Mr B. E. Astbury, secretary of the Charity Organisation Society, told members of Leeds Personal Service Bureau about the Queen's cookery tip.

Corned beef, he said, should be cut into small cubes, garnished with curry sauce, and served hot with either boiled rice or potatoes.

### STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued yesterday, says:

After easing off, Electrics have come into favour again and offerings have been readily absorbed with the demand unsatisfied. There were also enquiries for other stocks, the market displaying more activity.

**Buyers**  
Union Ins. \$412  
H.K. Fires Ins. \$170  
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Lights "O" \$0.10  
Electrics "O" \$41.50

**Sellers**  
Hotels \$3.60  
Humphreys \$7.05  
Telephones "N" \$9.80

**Sales**  
Providents \$5.75  
Trams \$16.60 K.D.  
Lights "O" \$6.20  
Electrics "O" \$41.50  
Electrics "N" \$41.40  
Telephones "O" \$24  
Watsons \$10.75

### Big U.S. Defence Bill

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recruits, while the Navy funds will permit work to start immediately on numerous shore establishments scattered throughout the Pacific, Atlantic and Caribbean, as well as on mainland bases for expanding the activities of United States sea and air power.

Huge sums for the Caribbean projects lend emphasis to the Administration's intention of converting the Caribbean outposts into a steel ring of defence, and Puerto Rico into a "second Hawaii," with naval base facilities to house the newly created Atlantic Fleet, in addition to powerful air and submarine base facilities.

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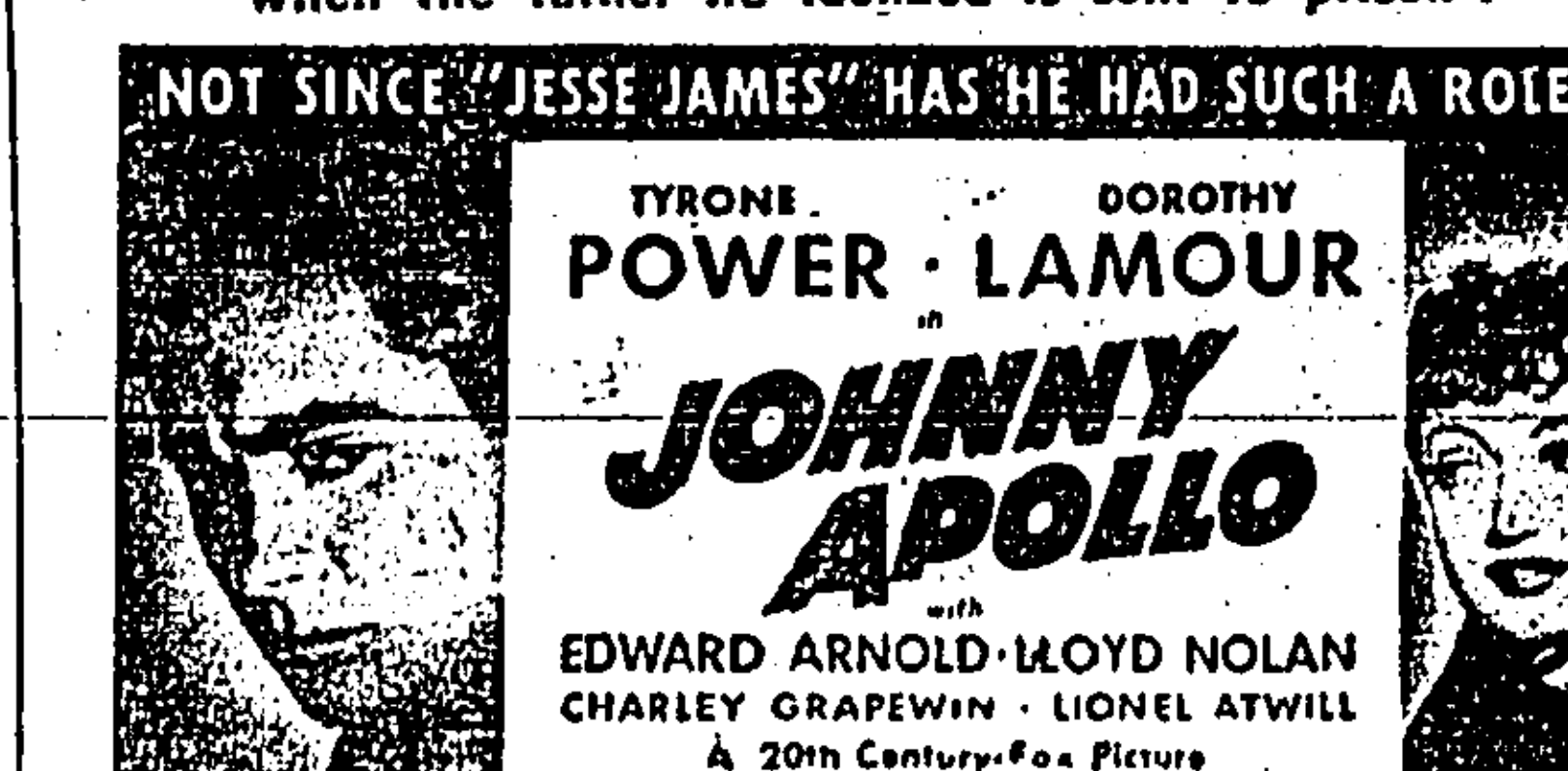


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